

Cook reveals re-election plans

District 28 State Rep. Robby Cook announced his intention to seek re-election in 1998 at an appreciation dinner recently at Sid and Dawn Terry's Crier Creek Ranch near Ellinger.

The barbecue honoring Cook was hosted by "Friends for Robby".

W.H. Harrison Jr., Colorado County; Bryan Hale, Wharton County; Robert Saunders, past Dist. 28 Representative, Fayette County; and Reid Sharp and Eric Landis, Bastrop County; handled ticket sales.

Cook, who was named Freshman Representative of the Year, was commended by Saunders, acting as Master of Ceremonies for the occasion.

Other state officials present were Speaker of the House "Pete" Laney, Senator Kenneth Armbrister, Speaker Pro-Tem Tom Uher, Rep. David Counts, Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee that Cook served on during the past session, Rep. Edmund Kuempel of Seguin and Parliamentarian of the Legislature, Bob Kelly.

Each of the above officials also commended Cook for his dedication and intense and thorough study of each issue on which he voted.



Visiting with State Rep. Robby Cook at a recent dinner, are, from left, Don and Sandy Bendy of Eagle Lake; Laura Appelt, legislative assistant to Sen. John Whitmire; Cook; and Speaker of the House "Pete" Laney.

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- Adopted a resolution of appreciation to Don Tyro, community service coordinator, 2nd 25th Judicial Dist.;
- Granted a waiver on the hanger fee for Bob Cowart, airport manager at Robert R. Wells Jr. Airport; and
- Agreed to withhold a payment in the amount of \$2,992 to Svetlik Electric Co. of Weimar to repair the walk-in cooler at the Colorado County Detention Facility until Jail Administrator Debs Martin can verify whether or not the cooler is still under warranty.

Police

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confinement.

At 9 a.m., Lt. Johnson made a juvenile arrest in reference to the burglary of a habitation investigation stemming from a burglary in the 400 block of East B Street on Aug. 15.

The juvenile was processed at the station and turned over to the juvenile probation department where she was detained until a hearing Aug. 25.

At 9:57 a.m., Lt. Johnson received a call of the burglary of a vehicle. In (See Police, Page 10)



Sosas win Yard of the Month

The home of Linda and David Sosa on Strickland Lane was chosen as the Yard of the Month by the Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club. Accenting their immaculately manicured lawn which surrounds their recently "spruced up" garden are beds containing caladiums, sweet peas and red-orange Ixoria. Pictured above with the Sosas is Garden Club representative Tanya Wiese.

Highlights

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Ward Resigns TDCJ Post

John Ward of Gatesville resigned last week as a member of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Board because a client of his insurance company is bidding on a contract with the state prison system.

SPORTS

Raider to host Sharks in scrimmage today

The Rice Raiders will scrimmage the Palacios Sharks at Raider Stadium Thursday, Aug. 28.

The underclassmen begin at 5 p.m. followed by the varsity at about 7.

Entry fee to the scrimmage will be a little different this year. To help the Raiders and Lady Raiders athletic programs, you can either pay a booster club membership (\$10 per family or \$35 per business) or donate two bath towels as your entry fee.

Please support Rice High School and your children.

Coach Russell Roark challenged the student body to participate in athletics this year and they responded with over 120 boys in athletics and close to 100 girls participating.

He then challenged them to work hard and perform at a high level.

Again the kids responded positively.

Now it's time for Eagle Lake, Garwood, Nada, Sheridan... all the communities to pull together and support these kids who represent them.

It was sad for me (Roark) as head football coach and a parent to see so few Rice fans at the first scrimmage in Van Vleck.

I can only tell these kids so many times that our communities support them. It is time for our administrators, school board, faculties and all involved with Rice High School and the different communities to pull together and support our children in a way they can understand. This means be there when you can; see what they can do.

Thanks to those who have already joined in the support. The coaching staff and athletes appreciate you.

Raiders down Leopards

The Rice Raiders got their first taste of football game, Thursday night, Aug. 21, in Van Vleck.

The Raiders were able to out-score the Leopards three touchdowns to one during the varsity segment of the scrimmage.

Fumbles and busted assignments plagued Rice's 1997 version of the multiple-winged T during the opening series of the night.

Two lost fumbles kept the Raiders from scoring, considering the fact that both fumbles occurred inside Van Vleck's 15 yard line.

Van Vleck had their problems with the Raider's new 4-3 defensive alignment but was able to score their only touchdown during their first possession on a 10 yard full back dive up the middle after the Leopard's quarterback had set things up with a long scramble. This was to be their final

positive production for the evening.

Until the game-type segment of the scrimmage, both squads seemed to spar like two novice boxers waiting to see what the other team was going to do. This all stopped during Rice's first possession.

Junior quarterback Warren Scott was knocked over Van Vleck's bench after a 15-yard run on a quarterback keeper. This seemed to "turn the Raider's motors".

From that point until the end, Rice scored on all three of its opportunities while holding Van Vleck to minus yards gained and no first downs.

"Our young men seemed to have awakened after the only play during the game part of our scrimmage," mentioned new head coach Russell Roark. "They suddenly realized why we were in Van Vleck and turned things up a few notches," Roark said. He did not want to single out individuals but was pleased with the way the Raiders responded to the challenge.

Roark feels that there are several positions up for grabs, providing a healthy, competitive atmosphere on the squad. Only seven of the 30 plus players have varsity experience.

Roark mentioned that even though the Raiders have a long way to go toward getting to the level of play expected of them by him and his staff, they are all pleased with the attitudes the young men are displaying.

The coaching staff hopes to two-plateau as much as possible this season giving different youngsters a chance to play. Specialty teams will also provide playing time for those who work hard and stay positive.

The JV/freshmen squad will host Palacios Thursday, Aug. 28, at Rice with kickoff about 5 p.m.

Rice JV team scrimmages Leopards

The highly anticipated scrimmage of the Rice Raider JV football team against Van Vleck was a great suc-

cess. All of the young men gave a tremendous contribution.

1997 Property Tax Rates in Rice Hospital Dist.

This notice concerns 1997 property tax rates for Rice Hospital Dist. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 524,703
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 524,703
Last year's tax base	\$ 291,501,844
Last year's total tax rate	\$.18000 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes	\$ 522,546
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)	
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 362,128,549
(after subtracting value of new property)	
- This year's effective tax rate	\$.14429 /\$100

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$.01371 /\$100
- Effective tax rate	\$.13058 /\$100

x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing \$.13449 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes	\$ 522,546
(after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 362,128,549
(after subtracting value of new property)	
- This year's effective operating rate	\$.14429 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.15583 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0 /\$100
- This year's rollback rate	\$.15583 /\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$.01371 /\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$.14212 /\$100

Schedule A
Unencumbered Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operations	\$11,156.13
Interest & Sinking	.00
1997 Debt Service	\$11,156.13

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
(expand as needed)	\$	\$	\$	\$ 0
Total required for 1997 debt service	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
- Excess collections last year	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
- Total to be paid from taxes in 1997	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
- State aid for facilities	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 97.74 % of its taxes in 1997	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
- Total Debt Levy	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

Schedule C
Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax
(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes)
In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$ 30,000 in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County, The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Colorado County CAD First Floor County Courthouse Columbus, TX

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1997 Property Tax Rates in Colorado County Water Control & Imp. District #2

This notice concerns 1997 property tax rates for Colorado County Water Control & Imp. District #2. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 3,435
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 23,974
Last year's total taxes	\$ 27,410
Last year's tax base	\$ 8,587,950
Last year's total tax rate	\$.31917 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes	\$ 27,264
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)	
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 8,117,969
(after subtracting value of new property)	
- This year's effective tax rate	\$.33584 /\$100

x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing \$.34591 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes	\$ 3,417
(after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 8,117,969
(after subtracting value of new property)	
- This year's effective operating rate	\$.04209 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.04545 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$.32420 /\$100
- This year's rollback rate	\$.36965 /\$100

Schedule A
Unencumbered Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation	-0-
Interest & Sinking	-0-

Schedule B
1997 Debt Service
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Total required for 1997 debt service	\$ 25,850	\$ 400	\$ 0	\$ 26,250
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
- Excess collections last year	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
- Total to be paid from taxes in 1997	\$ 26,250	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 26,250
- State aid for facilities	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 97.99 % of its taxes in 1997	\$ 258	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 258
- Total Debt Levy	\$ 26,250	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 26,250

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