

Colorado County Fair

Sept. 12, 13 & 14
Don't Miss It!

Go Texan activities need you!

The Go Texan activities need your help! They need horseshoe and washer pitchers, barbecue cooks as well as team penners. Go-Texan activities will take place Sunday, Sept. 14, at the Colorado County Fair grounds. Boys and girls washer pitchers may register at 10:30 a.m. while adult washer pitchers can register at 11:30 a.m. Horseshoe pitching registration will take place at noon.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Courthouse closed Friday

The Colorado County Courthouse will be closed Friday, Sept. 12, for the 19th Annual Colorado County Fair Thursday through Sunday, Sept. 12-14.

KC dinner set for Sept. 17

The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus Council #4843 will be serving a fried shrimp dinner on Wednesday, Sept. 17, at \$6 per plate from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at 710 E. Main (between The Barn and D&S Grocery). Tickets are available from any KC member or you can just come by that evening. (Note: plans were made and tickets were printed for the dinner to be held Sept. 24, but due to a conflict with another fundraiser, the KCs moved their shrimp dinner to Sept. 17.) Proceed to benefit the scholarship fund and local charities.

GUBC Homecoming Sept. 21

The Greater Union Baptist Church (GUBC) Homecoming and Family and Friends Day will be held Sunday, Sept. 21. Rev. David Everson will be the guest speaker. You are invited to come and celebrate with us.

GGCCM taking survey at Methodist Church

Galveston County Child Care Management will be at the United Methodist Church this Saturday, Sept. 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. conducting a survey to see how many teen parents or low income parents would qualify for help with child care - if more funds were available. Please note: this is just a survey.

Legion to dispose of old flags

American Legion Post #108 will hold a ceremony Tuesday, Sept. 16, to appropriately dispose of old, tattered, faded or torn U.S. flags. The ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. on the concrete slab of the former White House Hotel next to the Farris Antique Shop on E. Main St. Persons who have flags to be disposed are asked to leave them at Struss Auto Supply or Laker Printing. Or you may call Fred Fmka, Commander, at 234-2065; or Adjutant Walter Lee Bauer, 234-2478; and the flags will be picked up. The disposal ceremony is impressive and everyone is invited to be present, with special emphasis on youth groups.

New Town Community to host BBQ

The New Town Community will host a barbecue fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 13, to benefit their efforts to obtain a sewer line for their community. Barbecue beef and chicken plates will be sold for \$5 each. Serving starts at 10 a.m. You may purchase your plates on Saturday at White Cloud Baptist Church, 234-3800. To place an order, call 234-7623, 234-5867 or 234-7948.

LAAG to hold garage sale

The Latin-American Assembly of God (Belen de Judea Mision) will hold a garage sale and sell fajita plates Saturday, Sept. 13, starting at 9 a.m. at 1000 East E Street. The sale will benefit the church. There will be lots of good clothes (all sizes), furniture, shoes and toys. Ruth Olvera is the church's Pastor.

Last chance to learn to square dance

Your last chance to get in on the fall class for square dance lessons given by the Sheridan Country Squares is Sept. 15. Classes will be held at the Sheridan Community Center from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 234-3921 or 234-3937.

ABE-GED program starts Sept. 16

The ABE-GED program will be held at Eagle Lake Middle School starting Sept. 16 then every Tuesday and Thursday thereafter from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. with teacher Ronny Jones. For more information, call 409-732-3874.

ESL program scheduled

An English as a second language program will be held at the Eagle Lake Middle School starting Sept. 16 and every Tuesday and Thursday thereafter. Classes will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. with teacher Lois Raabe. For more information, call 409-234-5015; Spanish-speaking individuals should call Rose Martinez, 234-5143.

E.H. Henry Alumni to meet

E.H. Henry Alumni will meet Monday, Sept. 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the E.H. Henry site. All members are asked to be present.

Duplex information available

You have all seen and/or heard of the new duplexes nearing completion in Eagle Lake. If you need more information or would like to reserve a duplex, call 409-234-7892.

Class of 1976 plans group reunion

Rice High School Class of 1976 is planning a group reunion for Sept. 27 at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Included in this reunion will be the classes of '77, '78 and '79. Anyone with information on '76 graduates (addresses, etc.) (See Newsbriefs, Page 10)

Raiders cage Weimar Wildcats, 26-6

The Rice Raiders varsity football team used the big play and a strong defense to make Coach Russell Roark's head coaching debut a huge success in Weimar last Friday night.

Both teams showed early-season jitters with untimely penalties and fumbles, but the Raiders were the ones able to overcome adversity.

Rice fumbled five times losing two, while Weimar turned the ball over four times on one fumble and three timely pass interceptions by the Raider secondary.

Rice kept pressure on the Weimar quarterback, Matt Kutac, interrupting his timing and sacking him for big losses. The senior quarterback was able to complete only four of 18 passes for the night.

Rice turned to big fullback Kendrick "Tank" Pipkins for the bulk of its rushing yardage. Pipkins rushed for 143 yards on 12 carries and scored two touchdowns for the night.

Rice drew first blood on quarterback Warren Scott's two-yard run capping a 34-yard drive with 6:54 left (See Gotcha, Page 8)



As Rice High School's new Head Coach Russell Roark told his varsity football players shortly after this picture was taken, "You've won as many ballgames tonight as you won all last year!"

Not only were the players elated by their win over the Weimar Wildcats last Friday night, the fans thoroughly enjoyed and participated whole heartedly in the game. There was even a "cheerleader" in the stands who kept the crowd going. Way to go, Raiders! (For additional photos, see Page 8.) Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

County Grand Jury issues 18 indictments

The Colorado County Grand Jury returned indictments on 18 individuals Thursday, Sept. 4. Indicted were:

- Norman Jackson for driving while intoxicated (DWI), felony;
- Martin Esperdion Saenz, DWI, felony;
- Michael Jermaine McKenzie, possession of a controlled substance;
- Ricky Randel Yount, possession of a controlled substance;
- Estanislao Martinez Molina, DWI, felony;
- Jesus Mario Vargas, burglary of a habitation;
- Rafael Martinez Silva, four indictments for burglary of a habitation;

- Robert Mendoza Martinez, theft;
- Alonzo Soliz Jr., possession of marijuana;
- Charles Wayne Bishop Jr., impersonating public servant;

- Santiago Valdez Gonzalez, attempted murder/aggravated assault;
- Manuel Stephen Ebarra, assault;

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- Gilbert Ruiz, aggravated assault. One indictment was sealed.

County passes \$6.4 million budget

Colorado County Commissioners' Court adopted a \$6.4 million budget for 1998 and followed with the adoption of a 42¢ per \$100 valuation to fund it during Monday morning's regular monthly meeting.

The budget's adoption followed a one-hour public hearing in which at

least three citizens — Maybelle Barnett, Crockett Leyendecker and Margie Raborn — quizzed the Court and other County officials over certain items.

The total budget, \$6,456,715, is up from 1997's figure of \$5,900,323.

The tax rate is 2.277¢ lower than the one adopted a year ago, but will generate more revenue than last year due to the increase in property values. It is projected that \$85,000 of that money will be divided equally among the precincts for road use.

According to County Judge Vince Slominski, the only major change in the budget, since it was filed, is the purchase of an additional patrol car for the sheriff's department.

"It will be a program car... not the police package. It will be used by the sheriff and his car will be rolled back into the fleet," said Slominski.

The budget currently had two patrol cars listed. Slominski added that Sheriff R.H. "Curly" Wied also had plans to sell four older vehicles in his fleet with the proceeds being used toward the purchase of an additional program car.

The reason for that change was the fact that the County has spent over \$70,000 in automobile repairs since 1994.

Among the other highlights in the new budget is a raise for all County officials and employees with most receiving \$50 more per month.

However, each department head

will determine the amount of each raise to be granted to the employees in their office with a maximum of \$50 per employee.

The only exceptions to the \$50 per month raise is all justices of the peace who will receive a 10% increase and the Colorado County Emergency Medical Services director who will receive slightly over 20% more.

Although the position has been awarded a \$50 per month raise, Precinct 3 Commissioner Tommy Hahn said that he would not accept it as part of his campaign promise. Hahn had said that he would not accept a pay increase during his first term in office.

The Court also increased the longevity pay for all County employees with over five years tenure from \$2 to \$4 per month as an incentive to keep them in the County's workforce.

The Court also adopted an order to set the pay of the County auditor at \$30,564; first assistant auditor, \$20,502; and second assistant auditor, \$18,012.

The court reporters' salaries also were adopted with the 25th Judicial District reporter receiving \$47,775 and the 2nd 25th Judicial District receiving \$37,080. The County's share for the court reporters is 15.43%.

Slominski did note that those salaries were set by the district judges.

The Court also entered into a discussion on whether to impose an outdoor burning ban in Colorado County. (See County, Page 8)



1997 Colorado County Fair Queens

This past weekend was a busy one already for the Colorado County Fair Association with four competitions being held Saturday and Sunday. Saturday night the 1997 Fair Queens were chosen at the Columbus High School Auditorium. Pictured above, from left, are Queen Jenny Hajovsky, Membership Queen Amanda Potter, First Runner-Up Kelli Grunewald and Second Runner-Up Christy Tello. Grunewald was also chosen Miss Congeniality and came in second in season ticket sales with Tello in third. (For additional pictures and story, see Pages 6 and 7.)

Headlight Photo by Lynda Appelt

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following cases and calls for the week ending Sept. 9.

On Sept. 2 at 12:49 p.m., Lt. Clem Johnson received a call at the police department concerning criminal mischief. A report was filed accordingly.

On Sept. 3 at 4 p.m. Sgt. Jack. Knox was dispatched to a car fire at Church and Beaks Streets. Sgt. Knox provided traffic control while the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department extinguished the fire.

At 4:48 p.m., Sgt. Knox investigated the burglary of a residence on Maple Street.

On Sept. 4 at 11:09 a.m., Lt. Johnson was dispatched to the Municipal Court Building in reference to a wanted subject. Michael Semora was arrested and transported to the police department for processing. He was later transported to the County Detention Center (CDC) for confinement.

On Sept. 5 at 10:23 a.m., Lt. Johnson spoke with a complainant at the

police department who reported some of his checks had been forged. A report was filed.

At 3:48 p.m., Officer Tim Crume met with a complainant at the police department and took a report of criminal mischief.

At 5:36 p.m. Officer Crume was dispatched to Strickland Street in reference to a theft. A report was taken.

At 8:21 p.m., Officer Crume was called to C Street about a disturbance. After meeting with the complainant and finding the suspect had left the scene, no police action was taken.

On Sept. 6 at 10:07 p.m., Sgt. Knox was dispatched to Mills Street in reference to an assault. Mike Everett Gertson was arrested, processed at the police department and transported to CDC for confinement.

On Sept. 7 at 12 p.m., burglary of a habitation on Waverly Street was reported to Officer Brian Ochoa. Information was gathered and a report was filed.

At 7:22 p.m., Sgt. Knox was dispatched to Maple Street in reference to a fight in progress. Sgt. Knox arrived and found four males arguing. He disbursed the subjects since no physical fight had occurred.

On Sept. 8 at 8:33 a.m., Officer Ochoa met with a complainant who wanted to file a runaway report on her children. The children later returned home; they had been with relatives.

At 8:49 p.m., Officer Bill Lattimore was dispatched to State Street in reference to a civil matter. The complainant was advised to contact the Justice of the Peace.

On Sept. 9, at 12:28 a.m., Officer Lattimore was at the Rice Medical Center when he was approached by a nurse about a patient in the emergency room who had reportedly fallen out of a moving vehicle.

Since the incident happened in the County, a County Deputy was called to investigate the incident. (See Police, Page 10)