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Rice CISD keeps same tax rate

By Lynda Appelt, Contributing Writer

Taxpayers in the Rice Consolidated Independent School District will experience no change in the tax rate for 1997.

The Rice CISD Board of Trustees adopted, in a 5-1 vote, a combined tax rate of \$1.4217 per \$100 valuation at its meeting last week. This rate is identical to 1996.

The adoption of the rate was recorded in two separate motions: \$1.3047 per \$100 valuation for maintenance and operations and 11.70¢ per \$100 valuation for interest and sinking.

Trustees Fritz Leopold cast the lone dissenting vote, while Board Member Jim Wiese was absent from the meeting.

A public hearing preceded the reg-

ular meeting at which time Leopold told fellow Board Members that he favored following suit with Colorado County and Rice Hospital District by giving taxpayers a break.

No members of the public were present for the public hearing.

These two aforementioned entities and Rice CISD all received tremendous increases in property values, due mainly to the increase in oil and gas values.

Those valuation increases have already resulted in the three entities dropping the tax on personal non-income producing vehicles.

Rice CISD's valuation increased from \$273,086,694 in 1996 to \$337,835,702 in 1997; and additional \$64,749,008.

Leopold does not favor the Board's intent to set aside \$500,000 toward a payoff of the district's indebtedness.

"I would prefer, if we are going to spend this kind of money, that we improve our curriculum at the high school," said Leopold.

He told the Board the district is in need of more advanced and vocational courses.

Superintendent Dr. Richard Gott told the Board that vocational courses must be based on very firm, basic skills education during a student's freshman and sophomore years, to move into vocational during his or her junior and senior years.

"No one has had more experience than I with vocational," said Gott. "I realize the importance, but I hope we never go back to the fallacy of the 70s and 80s when vocation was almost different from academic."

"There must be a marriage between academic and vocational, not just a place for those who can't or won't do their work."

Gott went on to say that students then entered the working world and still couldn't function, even though they had vocational training, because they didn't have basic skills.

He cited the fact that students at Rice High School have shown very little interest in the computer maintenance course instituted for this year. Administrators developed the course offering in light of the demand for those trained in the area of computer maintenance.

"Vocational is not a dead issue, but we will continue to focus on basic skills first," said Gott.

The Board feels the necessity to pay off the loan debt in speculation of the possible building program due to the juvenile detention facility scheduled for completion in March 1998 and the 1,000-bed prison to be built in the near future in Eagle Lake.

These two facilities could generate as many as 300 to 400 jobs which would have a tremendous impact on the Rice District.

Under personnel matters, the Board employed Michael Kier to teach social studies and coach at Eagle Lake Middle School; and approved Vernita Barrow, Deanna Beane, Mikael Ann Boyce, soon to be Corman, Lanelle Engstrom, Tara Halla, Debbie Lewis, Becky Lobpries and Elsa Ramirez as substitutes.

The Board revived the Band Hall Project for Sheridan School which was started two years ago, but was scratched due to the exorbitant cost presented by the architect.

Jay Altieri of Drymalla Construction in Columbus presented cost-savings on the original structure through a design-build plan.

The Board instructed Assistant Superintendent Fred Grahmann to seek bids through the design-build plan allowed by law.

In other business, the Board:

- Accepted the bid of \$5989 from Dupré Lease Service of Sheridan for the construction of a gravel parking lot at the Garwood School with funds from capital project;

- Adopted the student handbooks;
- Approved a district-wide extended day program, now being used at Eagle Lake Middle School, designed to convert TAAS skill weakness; not to be confused with after-school tutorials;

- Presented signs to Principals Mike Lanier of Garwood and Larry Varley of Sheridan for being recognized by the Texas Education Agency as commended schools for the academic performance of Title I students; and

- Acknowledged Michael Schleider of the Colorado County Sheriff's Department as an outstanding young man who has been a real asset to the District.

Police

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dispatched to the railroad crossing at Harbert and Church Streets where he found railroad spikes on the tracks. The spikes were removed and the case is under investigation.

At 11 p.m., Officer Lattimore was dispatched to meet with complainants in reference to criminal trespass. The suspect was located and issued a written warning for trespassing.

At 11:17 p.m., Officer Carl Risk was contacted by Rice Medical Center and advised of a dog bite victim. A report was filed.

At 11:23 p.m., Officer Lattimore was dispatched to a residence on Raezer Street in reference to a family problem. No offense had occurred; no action was taken.

On Sept. 20 at 12 a.m., Officer Risk received a call of a disturbance on A Street. After talking with the complainant, it was learned the disturbance was verbal; no offense had occurred.

At 12:11 a.m., Officer Lattimore was dispatched to a residential alarm which was a false alarm.

At 12:19 a.m., Officer Risk was contacted about some children missing from the football game. It was later learned that the children had gone with someone else to a party. They are now at home.

At 12:43 a.m., Officer Lattimore was advised of loud music on Waverly Street. He was in the area, but unable to locate the music. The complainant

called back and advised that the music had been turned down.

At 1:29 a.m., Officer Risk received a call of a suspicious vehicle at N. Lake and E. Davitt Street. Upon arrival, the vehicle was located and the driver, Clifford Williams of Alleyton, was arrested for public intoxication, processed and transported to the county jail for confinement.

At 2:13 a.m., Officer Lattimore was dispatched to Schley Street in reference to loud music, but was unable to locate same.

At 11:35 a.m., Lt. Johnson met with a complainant at the police department and was told of a theft. After speaking with the complainant and the suspect, the matter was resolved.

At 12:10 p.m., Lt. Johnson met a complainant at the police department in reference to a disturbance. The matter was resolved; no other action was taken.

At 4:19 p.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to Schley Street in reference to a loose goat, but he was unable to locate the goat.

At 4:47 p.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to a disturbance on Schley Street. Subjects were contacted, but no charges were filed.

At 7:12 p.m., Officer Lattimore was dispatched to Sempres Street in reference to loud music. The music was located and the subjects complied by turning it down.

At 7:30 p.m., Officer Lattimore responded to a loud music call on Walnut Street. Contact was made and the music was turned down.

At 10:17 p.m., Officer Crume arrested John Fuentes on an outstanding warrant. After processing, Fuentes was transported to the county jail for confinement.

At 11:03 p.m., Officer Lattimore was dispatched to Clark Street in reference to suspicious noises, but he was unable to locate any source of noise.

On Sept. 21, at 1:08 a.m., Officer Risk received a call of loud music on Church Street. The source of the music was located and a written warning was issued to the resident.

On Sept. 22 at 6:09 a.m., Officer Risk responded to an alarm in the 100 block of Boothe Drive. Upon arrival and checking, the building was found to be secure.

At 11:40 a.m., Officer Ochoa assisted Dulany Funeral Home with an escort from Prairie Street to Lakeside Cemetery.

At 8:35 a.m., Officer Ochoa was dispatched to Waverly Street to assist the animal control officer, and later issued a subject a citation for dog at large.

At 4:50 p.m., a complainant met with Sgt. Knox at the police department in reference to a welfare concern. Sgt. Knox and the complainant went to the residence in question, but the subject arrived at home while they were there. No other action was taken.

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\$71,427.78, +6.48%; Wharton County, \$98,291.03, -11.40%.

Year-to-date figures for the above counties are, Colorado, \$470,677.62, +18.66%; Austin, \$578,583.36, +6.42%; and, Wharton, \$848,096.37, +3.14%.

*Columbus increased its portion from 1% to 1.5% effective 4-1-96, therefore, this is not an accurate comparison.

Sheridan VFD

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Sheridan Lumber, brought the day of the dinner or you may contact firemen Bo Vavrusa at 234-5404 or Traylor Walker, 234-3921, and they will pick up the item from you.

If you cannot attend the meal but would like to help with a donation, you may mail it to:

Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 263, Sheridan, Texas 77475.

Newsbriefs

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Festival having meeting tonight

A closing meeting for the 1997 Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival will be held on Sept. 25 and will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Prairie Edge Museum. The meeting will follow the monthly TWONC meeting and will last until 7 p.m. If your organization participated in last year's festival, please bring the results from your activity to the meeting or mail them by Sept. 22 to the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, 408 E. Main St., Eagle Lake, Tx 77434. The results from this meeting will be printed in *The Headlight*.

VFW having fundraiser

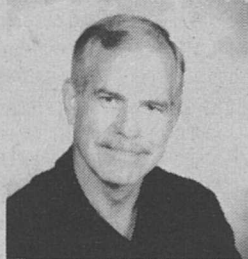
The Eagle Lake VFW Post #8783 is working on a fundraising drawing to be held later in the year. Anyone wishing to donate an item to be included in the drawing should contact Earl Rodgers or any VFW member.

55 and over fitness classes offered

Rice Medical Center is providing free 55 and over fitness classes on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9 to 9:45 a.m. Anyone interested in joining or needing more information about the classes, may call 409-234-5571.

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Rebates

year's Sept. payment of \$12,014.07; but year-to-date, the City's rebates are ahead of 1996 by 14.89%.

This month's sales tax rebates include local taxes collected by monthly filers on July sales and reported to the Comptroller in Aug.

The City of Houston received a sales tax rebate of \$20.9 million in Sept., 10% higher than last year's \$19 million payment in the same month. Year-to-date payments to Houston are up by 5%.

The \$12.9 million local sales tax allocation to the City of Dallas for Sept. reflects a 1.3% increase from the \$12.7 million rebate for the same month last year. Year-to-date payments to Dallas are running 2.7% ahead of those for the first nine months of 1996.

The San Antonio sales tax allocation for Sept. was \$9 million, 8.8% higher than the Sept. 1996 payment of \$8.3 million. Year-to-date, San Antonio has experienced a 5.4% increase in local sales tax payments.

The Austin sales tax rebate for Sept. totaled \$6.5 million, 1.7% above

the \$6.4 million payment for Sept. 1996. For the first nine months of 1997, Austin's sales tax rebates are 2.6% higher than those for the same period last year.

The City of Ft. Worth's \$4.5 million allocation was 4.9% above the \$4.3 million delivered in Sept. 1996, placing year-to-date rebates 5.8% ahead of 1996.

Arlington's \$4 million sales tax allocation was 2.3% less than the rebate of \$4.1 million for Sept. of last year. However, year-to-date rebates to Arlington show an increase of 5.2% over the first nine months of 1996.

El Paso's sales tax rebate of \$3 million was 11.6% below the \$3.4 million payment delivered in Sept. 1996. El Paso's local sales tax payments year-to-date are running virtually even with 1996.

Other cities with notable sales tax rebates were: McAllen, with a \$1.6 million rebate, has allocations that are up 5.1% year-to-date; Mesquite, \$1.4 million with a year-to-date increase of 2.6%; Waco, \$1.4 million, 2.5% more than 1996 year-to-date; and, Long-

view, \$1.3 million, year-to-date increase of 3.1%.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 10.

Other cities in our area, the amount of their sales tax rebate this month along with the change from the same month last year are:

Columbus, \$56,820.50, down 1.65%; Weimar, \$10,958.31, up 0.08%; Sealy, \$59,325.90, up 1.20%; Bellville, \$12,061.59, -0.41%; El Campo, \$132,719.38, -19.23%; and Wharton, \$81,844.45, -5.46%.

Year-to-date for the cities above are, Columbus, \$494,859.22, up 27.20%; Weimar, \$91,658.63, down 0.40%; Sealy, \$516,392.04, +3.42%; Bellville, \$171,539.42, -1.17%; El Campo, \$1,224,376.59, +0.86%; and Wharton, \$758,903.27, +4.50%.

On the county level, Colorado County received \$57,043.08, up 16.65% from last year's payment of \$48,899.25. Austin County received

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