

What the Rice Medical Center looked like before recent renovations...

Rice Medical Center receives a 'face lift'

By Toni L. Jackson

If you are traveling north on Austin Road, you might not recognize the newly renovated Rice Medical Center (RMC). It's gotten along overdue face lift!

The outside renovation began Feb. 9 and was completed Feb. 23.

New vinyl Charter Oak siding was placed on the exterior walls as well as the underside of the building and the trim and doors were painted antique parchment.

There's a lifetime guarantee on the materials and the vinyl is maintenance free. The results are astounding!

RMC looks like a new facility. The company that completed the project is The Siding Warehouse from Houston.

The inside of the hospital has recently been repainted and new trim placed on the walls.

In observance of all this "sprucing up", there will be an Open House March 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the community to see the results of the project. Refreshments will be served. Please plan on attending.

The project was funded by generous patrons in our community and we would all like to say, "Thank you very much," for helping us achieve our goal.

DAR announces 'Good Citizen' award winners

By Randa Simmons

The John Everett Chapter of Colorado County proudly announces the DAR Good Citizens chosen from five area high schools.

Joseph Willrich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Willrich of Weimar, was chosen from Weimar High School.

Joseph is president of the National Honor Society, FFA Advisor and active in several sports. He plans to attend A&M to get a degree in mechanical engineering.

Leola Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones of Columbus, was

chosen from Columbus High School.

She is the president of the senior class, president of the County Youth and Family Services, president of HOSA, attended the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, was Football Sweetheart, in Who's Who in American High Schools and National Honor Society to name a few.

She plans to major in medicine at Baylor and become a doctor.

Risa Waddell, daughter of Davis Waddell and Beth Waddell of Eagle Lake, was chosen from Rice High

School.

She is Student Council president, class secretary, volleyball captain, cheerleader, Homecoming Queen nominee, on the Honor Roll, played all girls' sports among other things.

Risa plans to get a college degree but her major has not been decided at this time.

Travis Motal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Motal of Hallettsville, was the Hallettsville High School choice.

He is in the National Honor Society, the National Spanish Honor Society, SCOPE, Student Council, PAL, played golf, baseball, track, basketball and football, being the team's captain. He is listed in Who's Who in American High Schools, is an Honor Student, Little League coach/umpire, basketball referee and on the school newspaper.

Travis plans to attend either Texas

Lutheran or Concordia, major in kinesiology and be a coach and teacher.

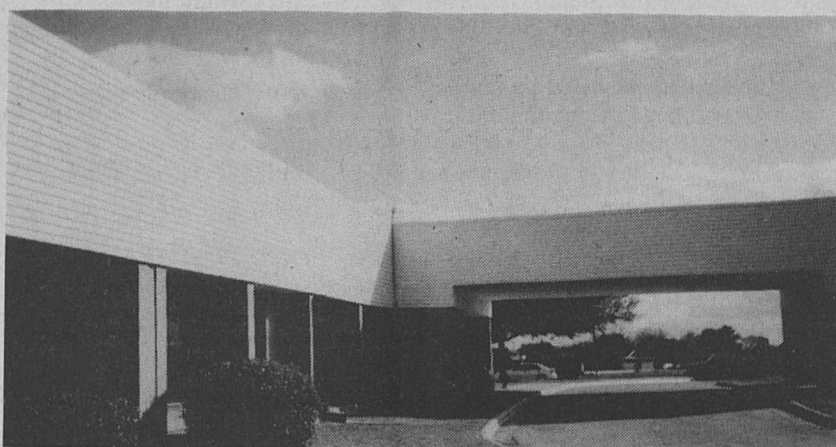
Kathleen Corte, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Corte of Hallettsville, was chosen from Sacred Heart High School.

She was named to Who's Who in American High Schools all four years, vice-president NHS, vice-president of her senior class, co-editor of the yearbook, recipient of several academic nominations and awards, state winner of the United State's Institute of Peace's National Peace Essay Contest and played volleyball, and ran track.

Kathleen was also the overall winner of this essay contest and her paper will advance to the next level.

Her goal is to obtain a masters and possibly a doctorate degree and be a writer.

Congratulations to each of these outstanding students.



...and after the improvements.

RMC Photos

Schulenburg dealer receives prestigious award

Riverside, California-based Fleetwood Enterprises Inc. has just named Fayette Homes as an achiever of the Fleetwood Circle of Excellence, 1997-98, Customer Service Award.

This prestigious award recognizes a commitment to customer satisfaction by Fayette Homes, whose superior performance has resulted in a customer satisfaction rating of 97% for the past year.

Fayette Homes, located in Schulenburg, has been in business since

1994, has been a Fleetwood retailer for three years and garnered the Circle of Excellence award the last two.

Fleetwood Homes commands a 20.9% retail market share nationwide, and, in fiscal 1997, built more than 65,000 homes representing revenues of \$1.43 billion.

In Aug. 1997, Fleetwood Homes celebrated the construction of its one millionth home. It's the only home-builder to have achieved this milestone.

Greater Union Baptist Church chooses pastor

Rev. Lawrence C. Robertson has been chosen as pastor of the Greater Union Baptist Church of Matthews and preached his first sermon as pastor on Sunday, Feb. 15.

Rev. Robertson is from the Mt. Vernon community in Glen Flora.

He now resides in Missouri City with his wife, Linda Aldridge Robertson, and six year old daughter, La'Wrence La'Dell Robertson.

Rev. and Sis. Robertson also have two adult children who live in Houston.

Rev. Robertson and family are looking forward to serving the church and community of this area with the help of God.

Pastor Robertson's motto is, "I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in

the presence of all his people," Psalms 116:18.



Rev. Lawrence C. Robertson

"The best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time."
— Abraham Lincoln

"An optimist is one who makes the best of it when he gets the worst of it."
— James Branch Cabell

Local families plan reunions

Andreas and Rosalia Haas settled in St. John's community with their family after immigrating to Texas on the ship *Stassburg* in Sept. of 1873. Theresia Haas married Daniel Gansky, Ferdinand Haas married Karolina Berger, Franz Haas married Antonia Ehler and Mary Sokoll, Marie Haas married Rudolf Schilhab. They all stayed in the Schulenburg area to raise their families.

Descendants of the above Haas children are invited to attend this reunion Sunday, March 15, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Hall in St. John's (located on FM 957). Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. with the reunion beginning at 10:30. Lunch will be barbecue beef/sausage with all the trimmings catered by Oakridge Restaurant & Smokehouse at \$4.75 per plate. Mail your money as soon as possible to Nancy Pieper, P.O. Box 63, Liverpool, Texas 77577-0063.

You should bring our own dessert or door prize (male or female; adult or child), old photos for the display table, domino cards, other games; other drinks if you prefer. Tea and coffee will be furnished by the reunion.

If you have questions, write Pieper or call 281-393-1609.

A reunion of the Labay family will be held Sunday, April 5, at the Nada Community Center (old KJT Hall) with registration starting around 10:30 a.m. after the 9:30 Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

A catered barbecue lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. followed by a short meeting and musical entertainment. All family members should notify their relatives to attend this special occasion.

Celebrating will be descendants of Josef and Mariana Baros Labaj (Labay) from Hutisko-Solanec, Moravia, who immigrated to Texas in 1872. After living near Frelsburg for about nine years, Joseph and Mary, along with their five sons, John, Michael, George, Joseph and Frank, settled in the area now known as Nada.

Registration forms will be mailed to all 1997 registrants around March 1. Registration forms and meal reservations should be sent to Linda Bolcik, 3113 Myatt Lane, El Campo, Texas 77437; call 409-543-6572.

Library receives TIF grant

The Eula and David Wintermann Library has received a \$9,179 grant from the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Board.

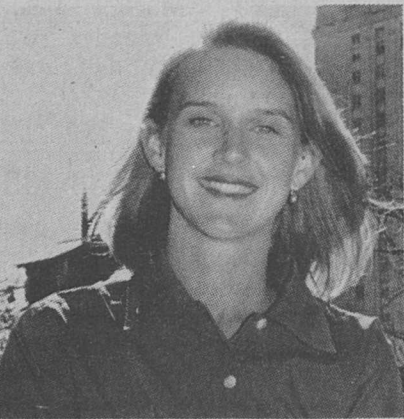
The TIF grant is designed to provide public libraries with the necessary equipment to allow their patrons access to the Internet. This grant was a non-competitive award process designed to level the playing field across the state and resulted in the awarding of more than 150 grants to libraries.

TIF, created by the 74th Legislature, is designed to provide grants and

loans to improve telecommunications infrastructure around the state.

TIF serves K-12 public schools, as well as institutions of higher education, public libraries and non-profit health care facilities.

"We are very pleased to receive this award," said Librarian Charlene Rodgers. "We will use TIF funds, along with matching funds we have committed to the project, to bring the Internet into our library as an effective means of gathering information."



Proud

Ann Duncan couldn't be prouder. Her granddaughter, Ann Duncan Tucker, graduated with honors from the Plan II Program at the University of Texas in Dec.

She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa (just like her grandmother) and was named one of the University's Outstanding Students.

After graduation she spent two months in Kenya with the National Outdoor Leadership program. Ann is now an intern with Central Houston Incorporated, which is an urban development advocacy group.


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to campuses with acceptable ratings that ranked in the top 25% of their comparable improvement group in TAAS reading and math.

The comparable improvement categories are based on several factors including the percent of students identified as African-American, Hispanic, white, economically disadvantaged, limited English proficient and mobile.

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The following are some of the skills and experience I have to offer Colorado County:

WORK ETHIC: I have always worked for a living. This includes eight years in the gravel industry working for B&B Gravel and Superior Sand & Gravel. I also served eight years as a deputy sheriff in Colorado County, including working full time to put myself through college. I now work full time as an attorney and will bring this work ethic to the office of County Judge.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: I am a licensed attorney admitted to practice in state court and accepted to practice in federal court. I have been trained in the rules of civil and criminal evidence, procedure, and the analysis of case law. These skills are all important in performing the judicial role of the County Judge.

ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS: My eight years as deputy sheriff combined with experience as an attorney provide me with the ability to resolve conflicts, which is the backbone of the County Judge's administrative role. My training as an attorney will help in interpreting contracts and dealing with employment disputes. As an attorney, I represent people and businesses in their most important transactions and will bring this ability to the office of County Judge.

HONESTY & INTEGRITY: These qualities are essential in a candidate for judge. I have always taken a stand for what was right and will continue to do so as County Judge. I firmly believe that a judge must be fair and impartial with everyone.

MATURITY: I am currently 38 years old, have been married for eleven years and have three children. As a deputy sheriff and as an attorney I have been called upon to make decisions which will affect people for the rest of their lives. While I do not take these decisions lightly, I also do not avoid them.

FAMILY VALUES: My wife and I have three sons ages 9, 8, and 3. As a husband and father I appreciate the difficulties that the families in our county encounter every day. We have a duty to make our county a better place not only for us, but also for our children.



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