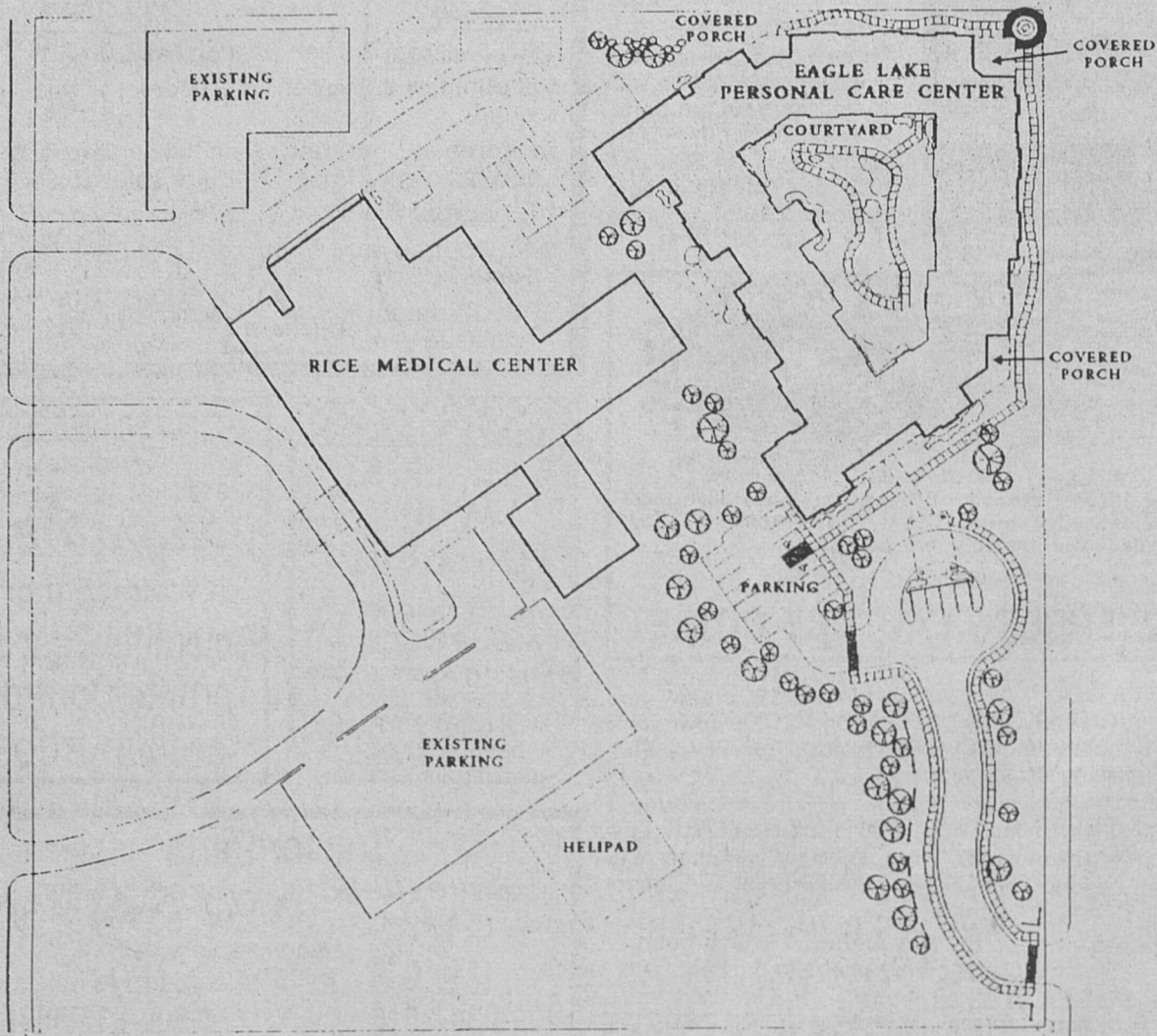


# Assisted

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Fause, the location of the facility will incorporate a view of the golf course and face Eagle Lake Primary School (see map below).  
A courtyard and walkway were added to accentuate the City's planned green belt.  
Construction could start as early as Aug. of 1998 with completion by the fall of 1999.  
Jackson, project coordinator, indi-

cated that the seed money for the assisted living project as well as the cost of forming the new corporation is being fueled by donations.  
Tax moneys are not being used to fund the project.  
Should you have any questions or desire more information on assisted living, please contact Jackson at Rice Medical Center, 409-234-5571.



# Booster Club asks School Board for new track

By Lynda Appelt  
Contributing Writer

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees received a strong request from the Rice Raiders Booster Club, represented by Denis Hentzell, for a track at Rice High School during Monday night's regular monthly meeting.  
"It is felt that a track will definitely

improve our athletic program. A track will help any sport, including physical education, the school has," said Hentzell. "The old track is conducive to shin splints and is not competitive."  
"We know a track has been talked about by the Board, but the Booster Club would like to see it closer than just talked about."  
Hentzell went on to explain how a group of 11 juniors and sophomores made a last-minute decision to compete in the junior varsity division of the District 22-3A Track & Field Meet and all placed without any practice.  
"I wish you would consider a track — the kids know now they can be competitive," said Hentzell.  
Athletic Director Russell Roark reiterated Hentzell's feelings about a track during his board report.  
"I feel a track is the only thing lacking for us to have complete, top-notch facilities. All our other facilities — stadium, newly-renovated baseball field, new softball field, tennis courts and gym — are sharp-looking. I hope you will listen to Denis," said Roark.  
When questioned by Trustee Fritz

Leopold, Roark recommended the track be placed where the present one is located with the use of portable bleachers with no lights.  
Roark said the Board would be surprised at how many citizens will utilize the track.  
"You will probably even see a lot of grandparents using it," said Roark.  
After reviewing computer bids for 100 computers for four labs to be placed on the Eagle Lake Middle, Eagle Lake Primary, Garwood and Sheridan Schools campuses, the Board voted to reject all five bids.  
The Board then allocated \$156,000 from capital projects and voted to allow the district's newly-employed technology coordinator, Ralph Gertson Jr., to begin in-house construction of the computers and work stations at an approximate savings of \$36,000.  
The Board also agreed to allow the Rice High School Band to participate in a statewide band research study. The school's band program was one of 30 chosen randomly from 1,087 high schools in Texas.  
The study will yield information about what motivates band students

for lifelong interest in music.  
In other business, the Board:  
•Reorganized the Board with Madison Smith elected as president, Laurel Milentz as vice president and Robin Thomas as secretary;  
•Employed Charles Slovak as a math teacher at Rice High School and accepted resignations from third-grade teacher Lori Grady at Eagle Lake Primary School and Mildred Williams of the cafeteria staff;  
•Elected Smith as delegate and Milentz as alternate to the TASA/TASB convention to be held in Sept.;  
•Appointed a Health Education Advisory Council with an option to add other members at a later date;  
•Heard a report from Milentz on the end-of-school picnic for staff members to be hosted by the Board May 29 at the new Sheridan water-park;  
•Heard four kindergarten gifted/talented students read a book the group authored and illustrated;  
•Viewed slides of the Eagle Lake Middle School's TAAS Wipe-Out on April 24; and  
•Learned the new Sheridan band hall is now in use.

# Police

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Officer Crume was dispatched to Union Street at 11:18 a.m. in reference to criminal mischief. A report was taken and the case was cleared. The complainant did not wish to prosecute.  
At 9:40 p.m., Officer Thomas met with a complainant on B Street who had an unwanted subject on his property and wanted him to leave. The subject was asked to leave and he complied.  
Sgt. Lattimore and Officer Thomas were dispatched to a disturbance on Fairview Street at 10:51 p.m. After meeting with the subjects, the crowd was disbursed without incident.  
At 11 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore met with a complainant at the police department who filed a report of terroristic threat.  
On May 11 at 2:06 p.m., Officer Risk was dispatched to a two vehicle accident at S. McCarty and S. Austin Road. Involved were a 1995 Chevrolet pickup being driven by Oniema Horndt of Garwood and a 1998 Mitsubishi two door being driven by Monica Melendez Saab.  
Horndt, who was traveling west on S. Austin, stopped at the stop sign before entering S. McCarty and failed to yield right of way to the Saab vehicle.  
Two subjects in the Saab vehicle were transported to the hospital with apparent minor injuries.

# Newsbriefs

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**County Farmers' Market is open in Columbus**  
The Colorado County Farmers' Market is open and in full swing with fresh produce available. The market is open Wednesdays beginning at 3 p.m. and Saturdays beginning at 8 a.m. Fresh produce, along with various arts and craft items, plants, etc. are available on a weekly basis.  
The Farmers' Market is open on a year round basis. This is a paid membership organization open to individuals wishing to sell vegetables, fruits and other goods. For membership information contact the county Extension office at 409-732-2082.

**'Gala for Renee' tickets on sale**  
You may purchase tickets for "Gala for Renee" at Eagle Lake Drugstore. Tickets are \$100 a couple; \$500 for a table which seats 10; \$750 to be a Silver Sponsor; or \$1,000 for a Gold Sponsor. The price includes dinner, dancing and cocktails at the Stafford Opera House July 18 beginning at 7 p.m. There will also be a silent auction. If you have any questions, call Tess Balas at 409-234-5705. Please make all checks payable to "Gala for Renee".

**If you're in doubt, check it out!**  
Contrary to a rumor in town, Pansy Berger is still owner of Lake Crest Flowers. Seems some bogus cards are being passed around stating that Lake Crest Flowers has a new owner. Not true! Call Pansy for further information.

**VFD Ladies Auxiliary golf tournament set**  
The Ladies Auxiliary of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a benefit golf tournament Sunday, May 17, at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center. Tee-off time is 1:30 p.m. for the four person scramble. \$40 per player includes lunch, drinks and green fees. Pre-sale turkey and dressing meal tickets are available from any auxiliary member for \$5. Curb service will be available. For more information, call 234-5488 or 234-3211.

**Safe sitter workshop scheduled for June**  
Rice Medical Center will hold a Safe Sitter Workshop June 3 and 4 for boys and girls ages 11 to 13. Safe Sitter is a medically accurate program that teaches youth how to handle emergencies when caring for young children. The workshop includes baby-sitting safety, basic first aid, rescue breathing, rescue choking and more. The cost is \$25, which pays for the Safe Sitter Manual and materials. Anyone interested in more information or wishing to enroll in the workshop, please call Vicky Pavlu or Stephanie Guthman at 234-5571.

**Class of 1946 planning reunion**  
The Eagle Lake High School Class of 1946 is planning a reunion for June 12 at the Eagle Lake Community Center. They will also honor the football squad of 1945 (bi-district camps). For information, contact Melvin Selph, 740 Willowick, Port Lavaca, Texas 77979; call 512-552-2704.

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# Nomination

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community relations and professional growth and development.  
The Board also discussed personnel vacancies and stipends being offered by the District in the areas of science, math, language arts and Spanish due to a tremendous shortage of teacher prospects in these areas.  
"We must put stipends if we're going to get qualified people," said Gott.  
He discussed prospective employees that he interviewed during his recruiting visits throughout the state. According to Gott, it is his goal to have his personnel in place by June 1.  
In other business, the Board:  
•Accepted the retirement of Lucy Gonzales, an Eagle Lake Middle School maid, and Gertrude Wied, a member of the Garwood School cafeteria staff;  
•Accepted resignations from Doug Roark, assistant coach and history teacher at Rice High School, and Sheridan School teacher aide Jo Beth Ticken; and  
•Discussed the possibility of returning the classroom portion of driver's education to the school day at Rice High School.

# Car Wash & Bake Sale

**Saturday, May 16**  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
First National Bank of Eagle Lake Drive-Thru  
Suggested Donations...  
Cars: \$5; Trucks: \$7; Vans: \$10  
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Rain Date: Saturday, May 23; same time, same place

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