

## \$1,000 Reward offered

A reward of \$1,000 is being offered for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for the removal of the cross placed at the site of the wreck in Aug. 1996 that took the life of Kyle Fink.

The remembrance has been removed twice in

the last several weeks. The last time it had been cemented into place, but was taken sometime between 6 p.m. July 27 and noon July 28.

Call 409-234-2659 if you have the needed information.

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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Raider season tickets go on sale Aug. 10

Season tickets for Rice High School home football games will go on sale at the Rice CISD Business Office beginning Monday, Aug. 10 and will continue on sale through Friday, Aug. 21. Beginning Monday, Aug. 24, those who have not held season tickets may purchase them on a first come, first serve basis. These will be on sale until Friday, Sept. 4. The cost for season tickets for all home games is \$20 per set. There will be no reserved seats sold for individual games. Call Jennifer Korenek at 234-3531 for additional information.

### Thrift Shop open this Saturday

The Prairie Edge Museum Thrift shop will be open Saturday, Aug. 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Some of the items for sale include an electric range, portable dishwasher, large and small size dresses, linens and too many other bargains to mention. Stop by and see all the shop has to offer.

### Senior Citizens' dance is Aug. 7

The public is invited to a Senior Citizens' dance from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, at the Eagle Lake Community Center with music provided by the Country Playboys. Admission is \$5 per person; door prizes will be given.

### Singles dance Friday

Fort Bend Singles Club will sponsor a public dance Friday, July 31, at 8 p.m. at the Needville KC Hall. Music will be by Kountry Play Boys. Door prizes will be given, admission is \$5 per person. The public is invited.

### Xi Pi Psi working on new calendar

Put your birthday on the Community Birthday Calendar. XiPiPsi Sorority, sponsors of this project, remind you that the deadline is Aug. 20. If interested, call Ernie Sommerlatte at 234-3452.

### Berea Cladic to sell BBQ plates

Berea Cladic, located at 623 Maple Street in Eagle Lake (Rice Mill area), will be selling combination barbecue plates for \$5 each on Friday, July 31. The plates will consist of barbecue brisket and sausage with all the trimmings. Serving is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. To place an order call 234-5433 or 234-2663. All proceeds benefit the church building fund.

### Fourth grade orientation is Aug. 6 at ELMS

The 4th Grade Orientation will be held on Thursday, Aug. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Eagle Lake Middle School cafeteria. We will discuss bus routes, schedules, dress code, etc. You will have the opportunity to meet your teacher and see your room. Please come!!

### NPSOT to meet Aug. 6

The Native Plant Society of Texas (NPSOT) Columbus Chapter will meet on Thursday, Aug. 6, at 7 p.m. at the home of Betty and Pete Kent, east of New Ulm, to learn about growing gourds.

Most gourds are not native plants, but are fun to grow. Members will learn all about gourds at this meeting. Betty will share how she grows and decorates gourds. She will also share cooking techniques and her gourmet gourd recipes.

To get to the Kent's home from New Ulm, take FM 1094 about four miles. Turn left on New Bremen Rd., drive 3.2 miles (the pavement ends about halfway, the road becomes gravel), turn right on Hoppe Sister Rd. Follow the signs. The Kent's home is one mile on the left. There will be gourds on a split rail fence at the entrance. Call 409-357-2603 if lost.

### Crescent Country Jamboree set for Aug. 4

The Crescent Country Jamboree, sponsored by the Wharton County Youth Fair (WCYF), will host its monthly live country music show Tuesday, Aug. 4, at the WCYF Grounds in the Crescent Hall, intersection of FM 960 and FM 961. The concession stand "special" for this month will be "country fried chicken" plates, along with other concession items like grilled hamburgers, popcorn, homemade desserts and drinks. The show begins at 7:30 p.m.; admission is \$3. All proceeds benefit the WCYF building fund. For more information, call WCYF 409-677-3350.

### RHS band rehearsals start July 30

Rice High School (RHS) band rehearsals are set to get underway. Freshmen only are to be at the school Thursday, July 30, at 6 p.m. All others, including freshmen, should be at the school Friday, July 31, at 8 a.m.

### My Friend's House enrollment underway

My Friend's House CDC, 200 Prairie St. in Eagle Lake, is now accepting enrollments for the 1998-99 school year. Get 10% off the enrollment fee through July 31. For more information, call 409-234-3330 for details.

### 20th Century sessions being held

The 20th Century District Association of Texas will hold its annual sessions through July 31 at The Little Zion Jerusalem Baptist Church of Wharton, Rev. C.E. Drayden, Pastor. The Association will begin with a Grand Musical Sunday night with special guests, the Wharton County United Brotherhood. The sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m. daily and 7:30 p.m. nightly. Everyone is invited to attend. Rev. Obie Rhodes is the moderator of the District Association.

### Senior Friends plan casino trip

Senior Friends will be going to Grand Casino Coshatta Aug. 4. The cost is \$7 per person. Be at Gulf Coast Medical Center at 6:30 a.m.; return will be about 7:30 p.m. Payment is due upon reservation. Call Sherri Ziegenhals at 409-282-6808 for more information.

### ELPS registration reminder

Parents who plan to send their children to Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) (pre-k through third grade) this fall and have not registered them in school for the 1998-99 school year, need to contact the school at 409-234-3587 to set up an appointment for registration. New and transfer students will need to bring their birth certificate, immunization record and social security card with them when registering for school.

### Back to school party planned

You are invited to a Youth Back To School Party Friday, July 31, at the old E.H. Henry Site from 8 p.m. until 12 midnight. A speaker, music and refreshments will be provided. The event is sponsored by the E.H. Henry Alumni Association, Gloria Boutte, President.

### St. Mary's School registration set for Aug. 6

St. Mary's registration will be on Thursday, Aug. 6 from 7 to 11 a.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m. in the school library.

St. Mary School does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, and

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## Lanier replaces Miles at Rice High School

By Lynda Appelt, Contributing Writer

Rice Consolidated Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Richard Gott announced last week that Michael Lanier, a 1977 graduate of Rice High School, assumed principal duties at his alma mater Monday.

Lanier will replace Dr. Curtis Miles, who is retiring due to health problems.

Gott also announced the appointment of vocational agriculture teacher Leroy Stavinocha as the high school's assistant principal.

Lanier, a graduate of Sam Houston State University, returned to Garwood two years ago to assume principal duties at Garwood School.

He taught in the Lamar Consolidated Independent School District before returning to his educational roots in the Rice District.

"I'm excited about my new role," said Lanier. "Rice High School gave me a quality education and I want to make sure we continue to give our

present students the same quality education."

"I feel we have the staff and faculty in place to do that. I'm here to support the parents and kids as best I

can."

Stavinocha, a graduate of Tarleton State University, has taught agriculture in the Rice CISD for six years.

"I'm excited. I enjoyed what I was

### Attention all male students!!

## RHS football practice begins Aug. 5

On Aug. 5, Rice Consolidated High School will have its first football practice of the year.

The Rice Raider coaching staff would like to invite all prospective athletes to come and join them.

"We welcome all the Rice Raiders of the past year, plus any other young men who wish to join us," said Coach Russell Roark. "If you can't make up your mind, try it first. I think you will enjoy yourself more than you could ever imagine."

The staff will also hand out all equipment Aug. 5 for the first four days of shorts beginning at 7 a.m.

All prospective athletes will go through football drills as well as weight training.

Practice ends at approximately 11:30 a.m.

There will be a pre-season pep rally and hot dog supper at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13.

On Aug. 21, Rice will scrimmage

doing. Ag is great, but I was just ready to move on," Stavinocha said.

Plans for a principal for Garwood School are expected to be announced later this week.

Van Vleck at Raider Stadium beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Free homemade ice cream will be served during the JV and Varsity scrimmage and barbecue sandwiches will be sold as well as drinks.

Once again, the coaching staff wishes to welcome anyone who would like to try out to play football.

"It will be a positive experience that you and your family will remember from now on," concluded Roark.

## EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls and cases for the week ending July 27.

On July 21, Lt. Clem Johnson was dispatched to an activated burglar alarm in the 1600 block of E. Main at 10:49 a.m. Lt. Johnson checked the building and found it to be a false alarm.

Officer Stephen Nelson was dispatched to the 600 block of E. Main at 5:42 p.m. in reference to criminal mischief. Information was gathered and a report was filed.

On July 22 at 12:45 p.m., Sgt. Jack Knox responded to a call regarding a vehicle striking the gas pumps at 801 S. McCarty. Sgt. Knox investigated the accident.

At 4:09 p.m., Sgt. Knox was dispatched to Shirley and Fairview Streets in reference to children with BB guns. Sgt. Knox was unable to locate them.

Officer Carl Risk responded to a family violence call at 9:02 p.m. on Phillips Street which resulted in the arrest of Ismael Samaniego for failure to identify.

After processing, Samaniego was transported to the County Detention

Center (CDC) for confinement.

On July 23 at 12:43 p.m., Officer Tim Crume was contacted at the police department in reference to a family disturbance. A report was filed and the investigation continues.

At 5:42 p.m., Sgt. Knox met with a complainant at the police department in reference to criminal trespass and a report was filed.

Sgt. Knox was dispatched and filed a report of telephone harassment at 600 S. Austin Road at 7:55 p.m.

At 8:17 p.m., Officer Risk con-

ducted a traffic stop in the 700 block of FM 3013 north which resulted in the arrest of Calvin Earl Daniels on outstanding warrants.

After processing at the police department, Daniels was transported to CDC for confinement.

On July 24 at 3:03 a.m., Officer Risk was dispatched to Murphy Street in reference to a family disturbance.

Risk met with the complainant, but the subject had left the residence.

While investigating the family

violence, Officer Risk discovered that

the complainant had outstanding warrants and was arrested on those.

After processing at the police department, Maribel Escobedo was transported to CDC for confinement.

Sgt. Knox was dispatched to Fourth Street at 4:27 p.m. in reference to an unwanted person on the property.

Sgt. Knox located the subject and issued him a criminal trespass warning. No other action was taken.

On July 25 at 1:28 a.m., Officer Risk was dispatched to Fairview Street on an unknown 9-1-1 call.

Upon arrival and investigation, John Fuentes was arrested for assault, resisting arrest and retaliation.

After processing at the police department, Fuentes was transported to CDC for confinement.

Officer Risk was dispatched to a vehicle accident on FM 3013 at 5:20 a.m. He held the scene until the county and DPS officers arrived.

At 7:03 p.m., Officer Risk received a call of a juvenile runaway. The juvenile was later located and returned home.

Officer Risk received a call of criminal mischief on N. Lake Avenue, spoke with the complainant and filed a report.

At 10:02 p.m., Sgt. Knox conducted a traffic stop on Carter Walker Road at Lakeside Drive which resulted in the driver, Esther Hernandez, being arrested on outstanding municipal warrants and disorderly conduct.

After processing, Hernandez was transported to CDC for confinement.

On July 26 at 6:45 a.m., Officer Nelson and Sgt. Bill Lattimore were dispatched to the 600 block of E. Main Street in reference to people loitering.

Upon their arrival, the subjects had left the premises.

At 9:55 p.m., Officers Crume and Nelson were dispatched to Dobbins Street in reference to a family disturbance.

After meeting with all concerned, the problem was resolved and no police action was taken.

Officer Nelson met with a complainant in reference to a theft and filed a report. The case is under investigation.

On July 27, at 2:31 a.m., Officer Crume conducted a traffic stop on FM 102.

As a result of the stop, Anthony Ray Hemphill was arrested on outstanding DPS warrants, processed and transported to the CDC for confinement.

Officer Risk was contacted in reference to the theft of a bicycle at 12:09 p.m. A report was filed and the case is being investigated.

Officers Crume and Nelson were dispatched the 400 block of Second Street to a fight in progress at 11:22 p.m.

As a result of the call, Lisa K. Donner and Tarrena Gale Fields were arrested for disorderly conduct, processed and transported to CDC for confinement.

## County Commissioners meet new extension agent

The Colorado County Commissioners were introduced to the County's new extension agent for family and consumer sciences position during its Monday morning meeting, July 27.

Amy Erwin, the current Calhoun County agent, will fill the position created by the resignation of Marty Graves in mid-Jan. Erwin is expected to be on the job Sept. 1 after she is officially employed by the County during the Court's Aug. 10 meeting.

A 1995 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in clothing and textiles, she has served as the Calhoun County agent for two years.

"I am anxious to work in Colorado County," said Erwin. "With my training and experience in family life, financial planning and nutrition, I believe I will be an asset to the County."

Erwin was introduced by Colorado County Extension Agent of Agriculture Jack Hunter.

"She has visited the County on a couple of occasions. We spent several hours driving the County and are certainly anxious to have her join us," Hunter said. "We have been without someone in that position since Marty left Jan. 15. 'We need to get her on board to begin working with our adult clubs and 4-H'ers."

County Judge Vince Slominski said, although not speaking on behalf of the Court, he expected that the official vote to approve Erwin's hiring was a just matter of formality.

With that, Hunter said that he would begin the necessary paperwork to begin Erwin's transfer to Colorado

County, effective Sept. 1.

Although the agenda was relatively routine, discussion did develop over the payment of an invoice, totaling \$1,220, for the reimbursement for advanced life support schooling for a member of the Colorado County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) at Wharton County Junior College.

The only backup submitted was that individual's canceled checks and it was the Court's strong feeling that proper procedures were not followed and it would set a precedent on future schools for employees if this invoice were to be approved.

"This situation is totally out of procedure," said Precinct 3 Commissioner Tommy Hahn. "This bill should have never hit this table. I think if we approve this, we are opening up a door that we don't want to open."

"There was no approval on the front end and proper procedures need to be followed, but I don't think that we ought to close the door altogether," said Precinct 1 Commissioner Richard Seifert. "I think we need to let them explain to us why the proper procedures were not followed."

"We certainly don't want to lose him if he's the only one we have in Weimar to provide this service (ALS)."

It was noted by Johnnie Elstner, Precinct 2 Commissioner, that the individual in question was working approximately three days per week in Wharton County, utilizing his schooling.

The Commissioners also believed that the County should not pay the invoice if a person was taking their service elsewhere.

Elstner did note that it was a situation where the individual might have needed additional monies to support his family, but would remain active in the local EMS and be on call once ALS was available in the Weimar area.

Slominski did notify the Court that Gov. George W. Bush had requested that the County receive federal aid due to the drought conditions. He also had requested U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman for FSA emergency loans for farmers and ranchers in the County.

In other business, the Court:

- Was introduced to Lennie Brown, the new coordinator of the Colorado County Economic Development Organization;

- Named a private road in Precinct 3 as Pine Trail;

- Announced that it would conduct a public hearing to open Seventh Street between Niles and Main Streets in Rock Island Aug. 24 at 9 a.m.;

- Received notification that a lawsuit filed by Matt R. Lara Jr., a former inmate in the old Colorado County Jail, against former sheriff Bill Esterling in U.S. District Court had been dismissed; and

- Acknowledged receipt of \$829.44 from the state comptroller's office for unclaimed property in 1997 from electric cooperatives to be used for economic development.