



Back To School

Classes resume in the Rice CISD

Tuesday, Aug. 10.

See Pages 7 through 10 for supply lists, room assignments and other information of interest to students and parents. (Don't forget the Texas sales tax holiday this weekend, Aug. 6, 7 and 8.)

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NEWSBRIEFS

Class of 1988 reunion being planned

The Rice High School Class of 1988 is planning a reunion for this fall. Names and addresses of former classmates are needed. Please contact Melissa Perry at 409-234-7411 or email Melissa L. Perry @ AFCC.com or Leslie (Sundeman) Holden 830-816-2299 or email SLES @ AOL.com.

BBQ fundraiser for cheerleaders, flag corps

A barbecue fundraiser will be held Saturday, Aug. 7, to benefit the Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS) cheerleaders and flag corp. The event is hosted by the Stewart and Stevenson's Way Out West Smokers. Tickets, \$5 each, include chicken and beef, buttered potatoes, pinto beans and all the fixin's and may be purchased from any cheerleader or flag member. Also, you may contact Deborah Hamon at ELMS or just drive through the line on Saturday. Pickup is in front of ELMS from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Football tickets available on Aug. 9

Season tickets for Rice High School home football games will go on sale at the Rice CISD business office beginning Monday, Aug. 9, and will continue on sale through Friday, Aug. 20.

Beginning Monday, Aug. 23, 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. 3. 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.

Adult pre-game general admission tickets will be sold this year. The cost for these tickets is \$4 and will be available only at the high school on Thursdays and Fridays until 3 p.m.

WCBC Annual Day set for Sunday

White Cloud Baptist Church (WCBC) Annual Ministers, Deacons and Wives Annual Day will be held Sunday, Aug. 8 at 3 p.m. Speaker will be Rev. Sylvester Duckens, Heavenly Star Baptist Church in Houston. Rev. Obie Rhodes, pastor.

Senior Citizens' dance is Friday

The public is invited to a Senior Citizens' Dance, a place to meet old and new friends, on Friday, Aug. 6, 8-11:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Music will be provided by Daniel & The Country Boys. Admission is \$5 per person. For more information call 234-3795.

Sheridan Youth soccer registration

The Sheridan Youth Soccer League will hold registration on Saturday, Aug. 7, and Saturday, Aug. 14, from 10 a.m. to noon in front of the Sheridan Elementary School. All children ages 3-12 are encouraged to sign up! Fees are \$15 per child. Questions, call Laurel Milentz at 409-234-2339.

Shutterbugs get ready!

It's time for Colorado County photographers to busy themselves taking pictures which can be entered in the 2000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Photography contest.

Entries must be 8x10 black and white or color no frame or matte and must have a western or Texas theme.

An individual may enter as many photographs as he or she wishes.

The Colorado County Go Texan Committee will be asking for the photographs in late Dec.

Community revival services Aug. 9-13

Community revival services at White Cloud Baptist Church will be held Aug. 9-13 at 7:30 p.m., nightly. Speaker will be Rev. C.L. Wallace of Mother Zion Baptist Church of Wharton. Sponsors are Greater Rising Star Baptist Church, Rev. Truman Scott Sr. and White Cloud Baptist Church, Rev. Obie Rhodes.

Sportsfishing project slated

An organizational meeting for the new 4-H Sportsfishing Project is being scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 7, at 9 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Columbus Elementary School cafeteria. This project is open to all youth in Colorado County.

The Sportsfishing Project includes angling skills, tackle crafting, aquatic ecology/fisheries biology, issues on management and ethics, and people and fish and having fun.

At least one parent must attend this meeting with their child. For more information contact James Ross at 409-732-6982 or the County Extension office at 732-2082.

RHS schedules pickup set

Current Rice High School (RHS) students and incoming freshman will be able to pick up their schedules the first day of school, Aug. 10, before the 8 a.m. bell in the Commons.

Stancik reunion set for Aug. 22

The 32nd Stancik reunion will be held Sunday, Aug. 22, at the St. Roch's Catholic Church Hall in Mentz. The fun starts at 11 a.m. and will include a basket lunch, lots of visiting and maybe even a few surprises. If you need more information, call Mike or Bobbie Lejeune at 409-732-6409. Mark your calendars. We're looking forward to a GREAT day!!!

ELMS fourth grade orientation tonight

Fourth grade orientation will be held on Thursday, Aug. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Eagle Lake Middle School cafeteria, please come! We will discuss bus routes, schedules, dress code, etc. Parents and students will meet their teachers and see their room.

RHS Class of 1989 schedules reunion

The Rice High School (RHS) Class of 1989 is planning a reunion for this summer. Please contact Jennifer (Matthews) Olson at 281-403-6290 or jolson @ LFPC.com or Steven Meinecke at 234-3104 or SDM929 @ Hotmail.com. Addresses and phone numbers for 1989 alumni are needed so that they can be contacted with more information as arrangements are made.

Xi Pi Psi taking calendar orders

Xi Pi Psi Sorority is taking orders for its annual Birthday calendar. To list birthdays and anniversaries and order a calendar, call Ernie Sommerlatte at 234-3452 or contact any sorority member. The cost is \$5. Birthdays and anniversaries and in memory of may be included on the calendar. Proceeds from calendar sales go to support the chapter's community service and scholarship projects. Your support is appreciated.

Council hears citizen complaint against police officer

By Lynda Evans, Headlight Staff

The Eagle Lake City Council heard a complaint against a police officer at its July 27 meeting. Dorothy Flores met with Council in executive session to register the complaint.

Upon reconvening into open session, Council took no action.

Council was advised during the closed session that Flores had filed no written complaint nor had she had any communication with Eagle Lake Police Chief Kieth Webb concerning the complaint.

Webb was not present in the executive session to hear Flores.

Since Webb had nothing from Flores as to the nature of the complaint, Council suggested that she put her

complaint in writing and present it to Webb so he could "zero in on the incident".

Webb was instructed to conduct his own investigation to determine if any further action needed to be taken after the formal written complaint had been filed.

Webb informed Council that he had done an investigation with information he had received indirectly and could only ascertain that the complaint stemmed from a conversation the officer had with the Flores family during a burglary investigation.

A lengthy discussion was held with Stanley Kucherka concerning a request to provide water service to a new subdivision which is outside the

city limits at Hwy. 90A and Calhoun Road.

The subdivision, Lakeview Acres, is being developed by Kucherka, Joe Mike Spanihel and Vance Duncan.

The first phase of the development contains 17 one-acre lots with access from Calhoun Road.

The City is being asked to provide a water line to the city limits. The developers will install waterlines from that point to individual lots.

This would be the same as the City now does for the New Town Water

District. The City has a meter on Austin Road and the New Town Water District is responsible for everything past the meter. The Water District is billed by the City rather than it billing each individual customer.

The same method would hold true for Lakeview Acres, if the City decides to furnish the water line.

The City staff is recommending that the water line be installed to the same standard that would be required if the water line were in the City limits.

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Grand Jury issues indictments in May Weimar murders

Among the 26 indictments returned by the Colorado County Grand Jury, July 30, were two issued for capital murder against Angel Maturino Resendiz aka Rafael Resendez-Ramirez, tagged by the media as the "Railroad Killer". The indictments stem from the murders of Rev. Norman J. "Skip" Sirmic and his wife, Karen, who were found dead in the parsonage of the Weimar United Church of Christ on May 2 of this year.

Resendiz will first be tried for the murder of Dr. Claudia Benton in West University Place, although he is under multiple indictments for murder from Texas to Kentucky and Illinois.

He is currently in custody in the Harris County Jail.

Also indicted by the County Grand Jury were:

- Gladys Castro Romero, driving while intoxicated (DWI) (felony);
- Jorge Isabel Reyna, failure to stop and render assistance;
- Demetres Servantes, delivery of a controlled substance;
- Clemente Garza Cruz Sr., aggravated assault;
- laime Renee Olivares, forgery;
- Ervin Ray Kay Jr., burglary of a building;
- Charles Andrew Camarillo, arson;
- Charles Andrew Camarillo, assault;
- Curtis Lon Lasley, burglary of a habitation;
- Gary Lee Smith, possession of a controlled substance;
- Michael Ray Alley, burglary of a habitation;
- Maria Susana Carrillo, burglary of a habitation;
- Toni Jackson, forgery;
- Deidre Annette Fry, forgery;
- David Latrell Godley, kidnapping;
- Patrick Casanova, aggravated assault;
- Dewey Lavon Bluntson, burglary of a habitation;
- Presiliano Espino Perez, DWI (felony);
- Victor M. Argueta, possession of marijuana;
- Carolyn Marie Burley, burglary of a habitation;
- Rubin Williams Jr., assault; and,
- Three indictments remained sealed as of press time.

had reported an assault. The investigation then grew into three separate criminal investigations, involving a number of male and female juveniles.

On May 6, Chief Webb and Assistant County Attorney Joe Fling presented the Colorado County Grand Jury with the three investigations. The grand jury indicted Daigle on four felony charges and sealed the indictment, pending the arrest of Daigle.

The indictments were: 1.) injury to a child, a first degree felony; 2.) aggravated assault by a public servant, a

first degree felony; 3.) sexual performance by a child, a second degree felony; and, 4.) retaliation, a third degree felony.

Chief Webb also presented probable cause affidavits to Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4, Judge M.L. Szymanski, seeking six additional misdemeanor arrest warrants for Daigle. Judge Szymanski issued the six misdemeanor arrest warrants, two of which were Class A misdemeanor assaults, and four of which were Class A misdemeanor official oppression.

The boot camp had terminated Daigle's employment before the arrest warrants and indictments were issued. Law enforcement agencies had been unable to locate Daigle to serve him with the warrants until information was obtained from the FBI last week. The FBI notified the Eagle Lake Police Department that Daigle had attempted to purchase a handgun from a gun dealer in Rosenberg. A Brady Gun Bill check was conducted by the FBI, and Daigle's warrants, which had been placed in the state and national law enforcement computers, flagged Daigle as being wanted.

The Eagle Lake Police Department's work with the Rosenberg Police Department led to Daigle's arrest this past Friday. Daigle was transported back to Colorado County and is being held under a total of \$95,000 in bail bonds.

Other calls received by the police department this week are as follows:

On July 27, at 12:31 a.m., Officer Randy Schlauch observed a suspicious vehicle parked in the 1600 block of E. Main. A subject was sleeping in the vehicle, and there was no forced entry into any buildings.

At 3:29 a.m., Officer Schlauch responded to an alarm on 90A west, just outside of the city limits, due to all deputies being busy, there were no signs of forced entry.

Officer Michael Krenke was dispatched to the 600 block of N. McCarty St. at 11:37 a.m., in reference to the burglary of a motor vehicle, in which a battery was stolen, and a report was filed.

Sgt. Tim Crume was dispatched to Davitt St. at 4:28 p.m., in reference to phone harassment. The subject was contacted and the problem resolved at the scene.

At 11:31 p.m., Sgt. Crume met with a complainant in the 200 block of S. McCarty St. in reference to an assault. Investigation revealed that the assault occurred in the county and was turned over to the sheriff's office.

On July 28, at 12 p.m., Officer Krenke was dispatched to an out of control juvenile in the 800 block of S. McCarty St. The juvenile was calmed down and released to his mother, without further action.

Officer Schlauch was advised of a criminal trespass at 11:34 p.m. on Ice St. and a report was filed.

On July 29, at 5:50 a.m., Officer Schlauch stood by in the 1600 block of E. Main until a deputy arrived to meet with a complainant in reference to a possible aggravated assault with a deadly weapon which occurred in the County.

At 4:17 p.m., Sgt. Bill Lattimore responded to a report of suspicious subjects on Stevenson St. The juveniles were located and identified, but no offense had occurred.

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EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

With the arrest of Shelton Joseph Daigle Jr. on Friday, July 30, Chief Keith H. Webb was finally able to end a four-month-long criminal investigation involving another boot camp drill instructor employee.

Chief Webb conducted his investigation with the full cooperation of the administrative staff of the Colorado County Juvenile Boot Camp, located in Eagle Lake.

Chief Webb began the investigation on March 12, when the boot camp reported that a juvenile at the facility

had reported an assault. The investigation then grew into three separate criminal investigations, involving a number of male and female juveniles.

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CAD releases 1999 certified appraisal rolls

Shown below are the certified values of the 1999 Appraisal rolls from the Colorado County Central Appraisal District (CAD) with the differences from 1998 noted in the far right-hand column.

The following is a brief explanation based on school district boundaries.

Columbus ISD: increase in new

improvements, increase in residential valuation, ag value increase and flat oil and gas values.

Rice CISD: decrease in oil and gas values, increase in ag value and flat residential and commercial values.

Weimar ISD: increase in new improvements, increase in market value of residential, increase in ag value and a decrease in oil and gas values.

Jurisdiction	1998 Value	1999 Value	Difference (%)
County General	\$801,521,431	\$811,171,866	+\$9,650,435 (+1.2%)
County Additional	792,531,971	802,058,366	+\$9,526,395 (+1.2%)
Columbus ISD	288,274,147	306,467,144	+\$18,192,997 (+6.3%)
Rice CISD	309,186,682	299,333,836	-\$9,852,846 (-3.19%)
Weimar ISD	133,481,901	137,049,790	+\$3,567,889 (+2.67%)
Columbus City	114,766,630	122,060,641	+\$7,294,011 (+6.3%)
Eagle Lake City	59,902,579	60,597,462	+\$694,883 (+1.2%)
Weimar City	72,133,504	74,246,697	+\$2,113,193 (+2.9%)
Glidden Water	9,287,335	9,504,598	+\$217,263 (+2.3%)
Garwood Water	8,220,274	8,241,655	+\$21,381 (+0.26%)
Rice Hosp. District	335,906,672	323,952,138	-\$11,954,534 (-3.6%)