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Police

Crume and Chief Webb were very busy about 5:30 p.m. when the wind and rainstorm blew through causing extensive damage to several vehicles at the golf course due to downed trees. Also there were power lines down over much of the City. Fortunately, no one was injured.

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On Aug. 30 at 7:17 a.m., Officer Brian Lasley and Chief Webb met with several subjects in reference to a family problem that was resolved without further action by the police.

At 5:10 p.m., Officer Lasley met with family members on State St. in reference to a verbal dispute. The parties were calmed down and no police action was taken.

At 9:15 p.m., Sgt. Bill Lattimore arrested Tarrena Gale Fields on three outstanding warrants. After processing, Fields was transported to CDC for confinement.

Jr. Fair Board holding Critter Pattie Bingo

The Colorado County Jr. Fair Board is sponsoring a Critter Pattie Bingo at the Opening Ceremonies of the Fair Thursday, Sept. 9, at 5:30 p.m. near the National Guard Armory. This is one of the major fund raising activities for the Board.

Tickets for the event will be sold as in a raffle. Only 100 tickets will be sold! Each ticket is \$10.

On the day of Bingo, 100 squares will be marked off and tickets will be randomly picked and placed in a square. A cow (or other four-legged creature) will be brought in to do their business. The "graced" square is the winner! The grand prize is \$500 cash!

Contact a Jr. Fair Board member to get your tickets. Members chosen from each of the three County high schools include Eric Pesak, president; Kim Berger, treasurer; Ashlie Hall, reporter; Matthew Berger, Chad Emmel, Kristy Janak, Travis Leihardt, and Bethany Reich are members from Weimar.

Rice participants include Jacob Little, reporter; Brett Boenisch and

Brandy Meitzen.

Those from Columbus include Valerie Tait, vice president; Lora Weishuhn, secretary; Kaylee Robinson, reporter; Denise Pleasant, Kim Karstedt, Amanda Potter, Stephen Bradford, Andy Koch, Cole Runk and Ashley Wilson.

For more information, contact Sandra Robinson, the group's advisor, at 409-732-6413.

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Queens

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mas & Shannon Gerik, Cherrydale Farms; Megan Hoyer, daughter of Randy & Mary K. Hoyer, Nail Works; Stacy Markwardt, daughter of Steven & Lucy Markwardt, Alexander Computer Service; Katie Schindler, daughter of Allen & Luane Schindler, Majestic Creations; Courtney Wied, daughter of Marvin & Sandy Wied, Bernardo Farm & Ranch Supply;

From Eagle Lake, Theresa Henry, daughter of Michael & Margaret Henry, American Express Financial Advisors;

From the Garwood area: Farah Ellenbogen, daughter of Jean & Christ Mittel, Kallina Oil Company;

From the New Ulm area: Christine Wostarek, daughter of Mike & Dorothy Wostarek, Essential Colour; and,

From the Weimar area: Kasey Hayward, daughter of Deborah Hayward, Flowers by Judy.

Happy 1st Birthday Carlee

Love,
Mom, Dad, Paige,
Mama, Papa,
Grandma & Grandpa

SPORTSMAN'S RESTAURANT

201 Boothe • Eagle Lake • 234-3071

Will Be Closed Saturday, Sunday & Monday

Sept. 4, 5 & 6

For the Labor Day Weekend

Janie and her staff wish everyone a safe holiday!

They will reopen at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7

Newsbriefs

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Rodeo. This Go-Texan event will be held Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Colorado County Fairgrounds. All quilters and quilting groups located in the County are invited to participate in this Go-Texan event. Applications are available from Potter's Western Store in Columbus or contact Holly Waligura at 409-732-5630 or 733-0750 for an application or to answer any questions about this event.

Home Economics entries sought for Fair

The Colorado County Fair will be held Sept. 9-12. Entries for the Home Economics division are needed. Anyone who enters 16 or more items will receive a free season pass the Fair. Deadline for entry cards and fees is Sept. 3. For more information, call 409-732-2530 or 732-3823.

Tennis lessons to be given

Houston Tennis Pro Chris Holeness is offering tennis lessons on Monday and Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 13. Beginner, intermediate and advanced lessons will be available for ages five to adult. Call Laura Myres at 234-5172 for more information.

Sacred Heart Picnic set for Sept. 5

Plans are underway for the Sacred Heart Fall Picnic Sunday, Sept. 5, at the Hallettsville KC Hall. Dinner, including country fried chicken, stew and delicious cornbread dressing, will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be musical entertainment and food throughout the day. Check out the auction, cake walk, carnival, fish pond, horseshoe and washer pitching touney. Pony rides start at 1 p.m. For more information, call 512-798-5888.

Bellville Swap meet is Sept. 3-6

Come to the Bellville Swap Meet on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3-6, where antique and collector car hobbyists, as well as arts and crafts fans, may find all they need. Vendor spaces can be rented at the main gate from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, and 7 to 10 a.m. the other days. Full meals, refreshments and snacks will be available. Admission and on-site parking are free. For more information, call 713-771-4062; or e-mail fmcaddy@swbell.net.

1999 MDA telethon starts Sept. 5

It's time for the 1999 34th Annual Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The event takes place on Sunday, Sept. 5, at 6:30 p.m. EDT through Monday, Sept. 6, and can be viewed on Channel 2. Be sure to take time to call in your pledge. It's for a good cause.

Fair Opening Ceremony is Sept. 9

The Opening Ceremony for the Colorado County Fair will be held Thursday, Sept. 9, at 6:30 p.m. in front of the National Guard Armory. The public is invited to attend.

Season football tickets available

Season tickets for Rice High School home football games are now on sale at the Rice CISD business office.

As of 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. Tickets will be available only at the high school on Thursdays and Fridays until 3 p.m.

St. Mary's

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at 1 p.m. The day will also feature a performance by the talented youth of SPJST Lodge #30, Taiton.

Food and drink concessions will be available all day and into the evening.

There will be a free dance from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. with music by "Horizons".

The drawing for 28 valuable prizes will be at 10 p.m.

On Sunday, Sept. 5, there will be plenty of family fun and entertainment in Nada. Everyone is invited to come when you can and leave when you want!

Did You Know...

•Prior to the Gold Rush of 1849, most of the gold in the U.S. came from Georgia and North Carolina.

•The term restaurant was first used by Boulanger who opened the first establishment of its kind in Paris in 1765.

•The proper name for a grandfather clock is a long case clock. They first appeared after 1670.

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office. Meal tickets will be \$5 at the door.

Commissioner Combs is a fourth generation rancher who was sworn into office in 1999 as the State's 10th Commissioner of Agriculture and the first woman in the State's history to hold this position.

She has a cow-calf operation on her family's 100-year-old ranch in Brewster County.

Commissioner Combs received her law degree from the UT School of Law and is a former Assistant District Attorney.

She served in the Texas Legislature, 1993-1996, writing the State's major private property rights legislation and was a member of the house committees on Natural Resources and Criminal Jurisprudence.

In 1996, she joined the staff of U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, working as the senator's state director.

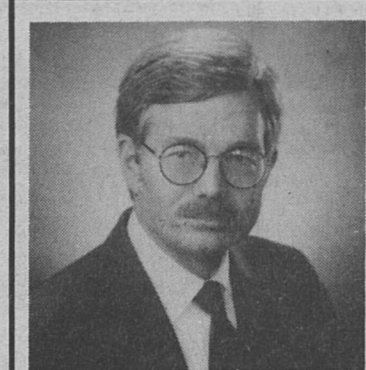
Combs currently serves on the Boards of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and the Texas Wildlife Association. She has also served on the Board of Directors of the Texas Beef Council and the Texas Product Credit Association. She is a member of the Texas FB and the Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas.

KEN SPARKS

Attorney at Law

Former Asst. District Attorney
Former Harris Co. Chief Prosecutor
Board Certified in Criminal Law
Texas Board of Legal Specialization

211 N. Center in Weimar
409-725-6024



St. Mary's Parish Annual Festival & Homecoming Sunday, Sept. 5

Holy Mass at 7 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

BBQ Beef & Sausage Dinner

\$5.50 per plate - Served 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Enjoy Polka Music while you dine in the air-cooled Nada Community Center.

Plates to Go: \$5.50 - Drive-thru Line open 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Country Fair • Auction at 1 p.m.

One Lot of Estate Antiques & Church Furniture up for bid.
Refreshments Served All Day & Night
BBQ Sandwiches: 1 to 7 p.m. • Sausage-in-a-Boat and Nachos: 4 to 10 p.m.

Games & Entertainment

For Young & Old During the Day & Night!!

Special Performance at 2 p.m.

By Talented Youth of S.P.J.S.T. Lodge #30, Taiton

FREE Dance: 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Music by "Horizons"

Many Valuable Prizes to be Given Away at 10 p.m.!

Plenty of FREE Parking • Come When You Can • Leave When You Want!

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Rice Consolidated ISD will hold a public meeting at Rice Administration Building in Altair, Texas at 7:30 p.m. September 13, 1999. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.315	\$0.107*	\$1.422	\$3,595.	\$4,600.
Less State-Funded Tax Relief	\$0.034	\$(0.033)	\$0.000	N/A	N/A
Last Year's Rate Adjusted for Tax Relief	\$1.348	\$0.074	\$1.422	N/A	N/A
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service**	\$1.361	\$0.092	\$1.453	\$2,969	\$7,098
Proposed Rate	\$1.377	\$0.092*	\$1.469	\$3,252.	\$3,079

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

**The Rate to Maintain the Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service does not reflect revenue available to the district in the 1999-2000 school year for the pay raise for classroom teachers, full-time librarians, full-time counselors, and full-time school nurses enacted by the 76th Legislature. The estimated cost of the pay raise for the 1999-2000 school year is \$354,000.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$38,854	\$39,239
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$16,083	\$19,239
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1,421.70	\$1,469
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$228.65	\$282.62
Increase in Taxes	\$53.97	

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.4702. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.4702.

Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$2,639,902
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$44,528