

Sheridan School welcomes new students, principal

The Sheridan Elementary and Junior High School started classes Monday, Aug. 14, with a larger enrollment and a new principal.

The school's attendance increased by 23 students over the start of school in 1999.

The 2000 enrollment is 153 students in grades kindergarten through eight as compared to 130 in 1999.

The sixth and eighth grade classes had the largest enrollment with 23 students in each class.

The fourth grade was the smallest class with 13.

Sheridan also welcomed a new principal to its campus. Don Wild, who comes to Sheridan from the Schulenburg School District, was selected principal after Larry Varley announced his retirement last the spring. "I am very excited about the opportu-

nity to serve the students and community of Sheridan. It will be a great challenge to uphold the traditions of such a fine school. I also look forward to bringing in new ideas to help the students of Sheridan," added Mr. Wild.

Sheridan School would like to welcome the following new students:

Kindergarten: Kelsey Andrejczal, Haley Benton, Austin Brown, Jesus Esquivel, Mikayla Gabler, Kaylee Janow, David Jones, Joseph Kazmir Jr., Brittany Machart, Kayla Machart, Angel Mason, Shyanne Schlauch, Rachael Sheridan, Cory Sims, Hunter Wild.

First grade: Shawn McDonald, Tyrus Hill.

Second grade: Cynthia Quinney, Sean Little.

Third grade: Thomas Benton,

Jeremy Rivera, Jennifer McDonald.

Fourth grade: Dillan Gertson, Chelsea Hill.

Fifth grade: Drew Quinney, Andrew Abbott, Angela Spennner, Elizabeth Guthrie.

Sixth grade: Miranda Soto, Billy Hearn.

Seventh grade: Roberto Segovia, Christopher Shaffer.

Eighth grade: Sarah Spencer, Cassie Buchanan.

County Attorney receives state grant

Colorado County Attorney John Julian Moore recently announced his office has received notification of the approval of a State Funds Grant from the State of Texas Criminal Justice Division.

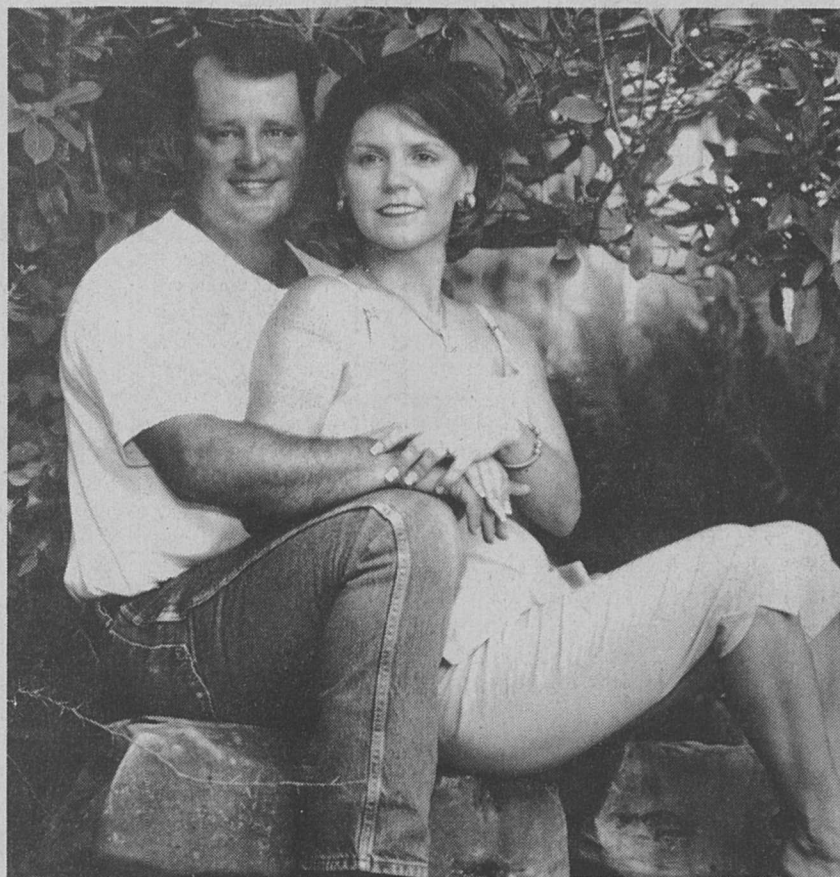
Office Manager Willie Mae Williams was given the assignment by Moore of seeking and obtaining a juvenile funds grant due to the increased juvenile caseload.

Williams researched, prepared, wrote and presented the grant to the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) in Feb. 2000. She subsequently attended H-GAC's Projects Review Committee and Board of Directors

meetings.

This grant project, entitled "Juvenile Prosecution Unit", will include complete funding for one Prosecutor and one Legal Assistant. These positions are 100% funded by the state grant for three years. This special Prosecution Unit has been set-up due to an increased number of juvenile cases in Colorado County.

Applications for a Licensed Attorney and Legal Assistant/Secretary are now being accepted at the County Attorney's office. Please refer to the want ads in this week's edition of the *Headlight* for further information regarding applications.



Russell, Balas plan Sept. nuptials

Darlene Michelle Russell and Brian Thomas Balas have announced their engagement and approaching marriage.

The ceremony will take place September 23, 2000 in the garden of the groom's parents' home in Eagle Lake.

Rice FFA News

By Amy Donnelly, FFA Reporter

On behalf of the Rice Consolidated FFA, I'd like to congratulate Jacob Little, a senior and president of the Rice FFA Chapter.

He recently received his Lone Star FFA Degree. This honor takes a lot of hard work and dedication, so we are proud to have him as the leader of our club.

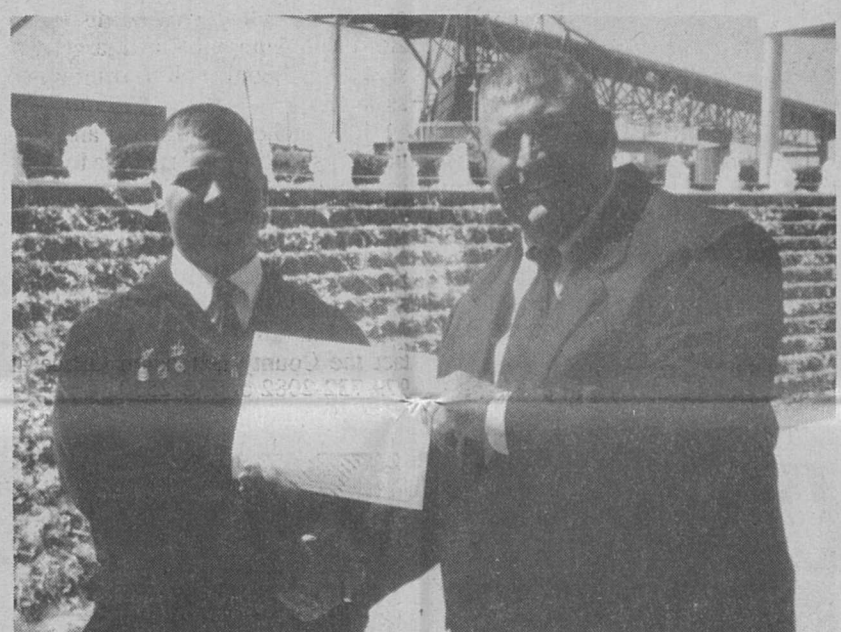
The Rice FFA Chapter traveled to Corpus Christi for the State FFA Convention July 11-14.

There, we represented one of hundreds of FFA Chapters in Texas. We attended numerous sessions and voted for the incoming state officers.

We would like to give a special thanks to Mr. Monte Williams for his hard work and preparation that went into this trip.

Also we want to thank Mrs. Diane Spanihel for accompanying us on the trip. All this would not be possible without the dedication of our officer team, along with our Chapter Advisor, Mr. Williams.

We have big plans for the future, and are looking forward to a great year.



Jacob Little was presented his Lone Star FFA Degree by Rice FFA Chapter Advisor Monte Williams.



Rice FFA members who went to Corpus Christi included Jess Little, Chad Mahalite, Tanner Williams, Camille Staff, Heather Shanks, Amy Donnelly, Williams, Jacob Little and Lauren Spanihel. Rice FFA Photos

U.S. Rice Association selects Gertson as officer

At a recent U.S. Rice Producers Association (USRPA) Board of Directors meeting, officers for the coming year were elected. Nolen Canon of Tinuca, Miss., is Chairman, Hugh Arant of Ruleville, Miss., is Vice Chairman and Dan Gertson of Lissie, Texas, is now Secretary/Treasurer.

Jack Wendt, Richmond, Chairman; Arant, Ruleville, Miss.; Jay Davis, East Bernard; Bill Dishman, Beaumont; Mike Doguet, Beaumont; Dwight Ellis, Walnut Ridge, Ark.; Raymond Franz, Katy; Gertson, Lissie; Bert Manuel, Yuba City, Calif.; Sonny Martin, Bernie, Missouri; Linda Raun, El Campo; Randy Read, Houston; and Canon acting as ex officio member.

Members of the International Committee are Larry Tubbs, Pioneer, Louis.; Chairman; Vic Cannon, Houston; Joe Crane, Bay City; Dennis DeLaughter, Edna; Andy Hewes, East

Bernard; Mark Lavy, Biggs, Calif.; Ken Minton, Dexter, Missouri; Curt Mowery, Rosharon; Penn Owen, Robinson, Miss.; John Oaks, Greenville, Miss.; Martin Simon, Westfield, N.J.; Zack Tanner, Bernie, Missouri; and Canon, as an ex officio member.

CEO Dwight Roberts is pleased to be working with these members, "Jack Wendt brings a world of experience to the Domestic Marketing committee. His vast knowledge will enable the USRPA to develop and enhance domestic efforts that are in the rice farmers' interest," said Roberts. Roberts further stated, "Larry Tubbs has worked in the international arena for many years and brings expertise to this committee from which we can all benefit."

The entire USRPA Board and Committees work in unison for the good of the entire rice industry. The USRPA is the only organization solely representing the views of the U.S. rice farmers.

Sacred Heart Festival is Sept. 3 in Hallettsville

Make plans now for a day of fun and excitement at the Sacred Heart Parish Fall Festival Sunday, Sept. 3, at the KC Hall in Hallettsville.

The annual Fall Festival opens at 10:30 a.m. with an "all you can eat" country fried chicken, stew, and homemade cornbread dressing meal.

The area-famous auction begins at 1 p.m. and will feature handmade quilts, antiques, cattle, arts and crafts and many more items.

While adults enjoy bidding on great items at the auction, children can participate in activities such as carnival rides, pony rides, game booths and a cakewalk.

Other activities throughout the day include bingo, a country store, and volleyball, horseshoe and washer pitching tournaments. Hamburgers and

many other refreshments will also be available.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Kovanda's Authentic Czech Music will perform. Tony Janak's Orchestra and The Red Ravens will provide polka and country and western entertainment free of charge from 1:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the "open-air" biergarten.

Finally, escape the heat with a dance held in the air-conditioned KC Hall from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. featuring Bill Hart & The Cardiac Cowboys and Texas Unlimited Band.

The Sacred Heart Parish Fall Picnic promises to be a memorable day of fun and activities for the whole family, so make plans now to attend.

For more information on the Festival or the tournaments, call 512-798-5888.

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Atypical Medicines for Schizophrenia

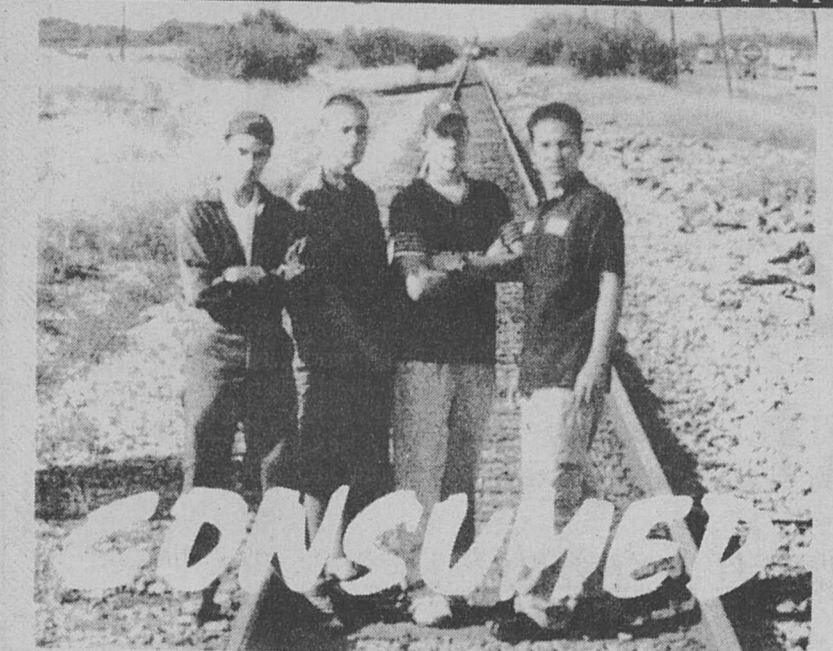
Schizophrenia is a disabling mental condition that affects men and women equally. Worldwide this condition appears to affect about 1% of the population. *Positive symptoms* include disorganization, delusions, and hallucinations. Generally these symptoms are the most responsive to medications. *Negative symptoms* include reduced speech and thought, decreased emotional expressions, reduced emotional skills, and a flattened personality. Negative symptoms often are associated with a poor long-term outcome.

Medicines called *atypical anti-psychotics* are used most commonly to manage schizophrenia because they cause fewer side effects than the older anti-psychotics. *Clozapine* (Clozaril) appears to be effective in severe schizophrenia which does not respond to conventional therapy. *Olanzapine* (Zyprexa) has few drug-drug interactions. *Quetiapine* (Seroquel) is closely related to *clozapine* but does interact with a number of commonly used medicines. *Risperidone* (Risperdal) may be useful for schizophrenia and Alzheimer's disease.

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Rice Medical Center Invites You to an Open House for Dr. Ramon Cantu and Family

Rice Medical Center invites the public to an Open House for Dr. Ramon O. Cantu and his family.

The Open House will be on Wednesday, August 30, 2000 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Thomas Clinic, 610 South Austin Road. Refreshments will be served.

Dr. Cantu, specializing in family practice with obstetrics, opened his practice at the Thomas Clinic on July 3, 2000.



Dr. Ramon Cantu, Danette, Cassandra and Daniel

Booster Club holds meeting

The Rice Raider Booster Club held their monthly meeting Aug. 16 with six members present.

The treasurer's report was given. The Booster Club is still looking for members to help at the different activities throughout the year.

Scholarships on behalf of the Club added up to a total of \$1,200.

In new business, a representative of the Coca Cola Company was to explain about the buying process; and a scrimmage was to be held Aug. 23, at which time members were asked to bring baked goods.

Monica Staff and Peggy Ramirez have offered to take on buying concession goods for the new year.

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