

Make your home a friendly haunt to assure safe Halloween fun

Many parents get spooked when their Halloween trick-or-treating expeditions. Make your home ghost-

friendly for all those trick-or-treaters for Halloween on Tuesday, Oct. 31. Otherwise, the evening can pose special hazards for young tricksters and scare the daylight out of parents.

"Halloween is a fun holiday for children, but it can be a devilish experience when accidents happen. A little planning will go a long way in preventing holiday hardships," said Jerry Baskerville, M.D., chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Scott & White Memorial Hospital and Clinic.

If you expect space aliens and princesses to haunt your neighborhood on Halloween night, make sure your yard is free of hazards, he suggested. "With a little foresight, Halloween can be a safe and enjoyable time for both children and parents alike," Dr. Baskerville said.

Tips to consider when planning Halloween fun include:

- Remove obstacles in the yard, such as hoses, sprinkle lawn furniture, and potted plants. Turn your porch light on to let children know they're welcome.

- Keep lighted jack-o'-lanterns or candles away from the steps of the front door. A child's costume could possibly brush against the open flame and catch fire.

- Pets, especially dogs, may become agitated with so many visitors. Keep your pets indoors or out of harm's way for a few hours.

- Treats don't have to be full of

sugar and fat. Consider giving healthy treats such as boxes of raisins, pre-packaged granola bars and sugar-free bubble gum. Some families give away pencils and colorful erasers for school instead of candy.

Obey traffic rules

Parents should emphasize traffic safety rules before their children's nighttime trek. "In the excitement of Halloween, some children forget the rules they have learned about crossing streets. Encourage youngsters to remember the traffic rules. Stress that they must obey the traffic lights — even on Halloween," Dr. Baskerville said.

These rules include:

- Travel with a group and walk on sidewalks or close to the curb.

- Start trick-or-treating early while it's still light. Give each child a flashlight to carry no matter what the lighting.

- Use seat belts and child safety seats while driving. In their excitement to go trick-or-treating, children may forget to buckle up. Parent should

not let their children hang on the back of pick-up trucks and ride on bumpers.

- Parents should accompany children on their haunting journeys or enlist the aid of a responsible older sibling who can serve as an escort.

- Instruct children to go to only lighted homes and to avoid houses

where lights are turned off.

Editor's Note: Don't forget the City of Eagle Lake has a curfew of 8 p.m. for Halloween night street activities. All trick-or-treaters should be off the streets by that time.

If you have any questions, call City Hall at 234-2640.

Golf Tourney raises funds

Noble Anderson, new chairman of the Rice Medical Center (RMC) Golf Committee, presented a check for \$4,000 to Imelda Hernandez, president of the RMC Employee Volunteers.

Approximately \$8,000 was raised by the Fourth Annual RMC Classic held last month. The entire amount will go toward the purchase of a nurse

call system and needed hospital equipment.

The golf committee would like to extend our appreciation to three of our sponsors who were inadvertently left off our "Thank You" ad. Thank you to Budweiser, Coca-Cola and Coors, and thank you again to all of our sponsors and players for making this annual fundraiser such a success.



Joe Lee Perez, volunteer vice-president; Susan Hernandez, volunteer treasurer; Geri Vandermark, volunteer secretary; Imelda Hernandez, volunteer president; Anderson, golf chair; Sundie Hardt, golf committee; Shara Glaiser, golf committee; and Carlos Hernandez, golf committee; all gathered for the presentation of a check to the Employee Volunteers at Rice Medical Center. Not pictured were David Keith, outgoing RMC Golf Classic chairman; and Richard Saucedo, golf committee. *RMC Photo*

Chamber

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Banquet speaker in Jan.

Anderson asked the Chamber Board how they felt about opening the Christmas Parade to more local civic organizations. A discussion followed. Anderson then asked for a motion from a director for the Christmas Parade to be opened to local civic organizations. Matthews made the motion for the Christmas Parade to be opened to local civic organizations. Sandy Bendy then seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Anderson then stated that the Main Street promotion committee had asked to sell popcorn.

Anderson then called on David Keith to update the Chamber on the Healthy Communities Advisory Board. Keith stated that the Advisory Board did not receive the grant. Jo Ellen Peterman a grant writer from LCRA will be coming to Eagle Lake to give some helpful hints on the writing of the grant so that it may be

resubmitted.

Keith stated that the Rice Medical Golf Tournament was a very successful fundraiser this year. He informed the Chamber of these upcoming Rice Medical Center events: the Harvest Ball, honoring Steve Balas, and the Health Fair on Oct. 27.

Sedgwick gave a report on hunting and agriculture. He stated that the teal season had gotten off to a great start, and, in turn, would be helping our local economy. He also gave an interesting report on rice inventory and marketing.

Adams reported on his survey of local business on ways to improve the Chamber, the City and generate traffic and customers into Eagle Lake.

Ron Holland announced that U.S. Postal Service officials will be meeting with City Council in regards to planning a new post office facility. Time and location for this important

council meeting will be announced.

Secondly, Holland gave a report on the "ground water" situation, district structuring and conservation plans. Holland also discussed the "Home Of My Own" program and explained its purpose and positive effects.

Venetta Seals reported on the Main Street "Fun Day In The Park" success. Main Street has received a small, but most appreciated, grant from Southwestern Bell and will be used for funding window painting and signage programs for businesses.

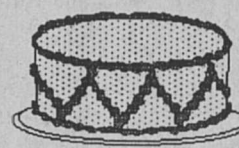
Don Bendy commented on the positive atmosphere of the Chamber meeting and how he wished more people were aware of all Chamber activities and hard work of its Board of Directors on a daily basis to ensure the health and growth of our community.

There being no further business, Anderson adjourned the meeting.

Come Out & Support Our PJs Children!!

Bake Sale

Sat., Oct. 28

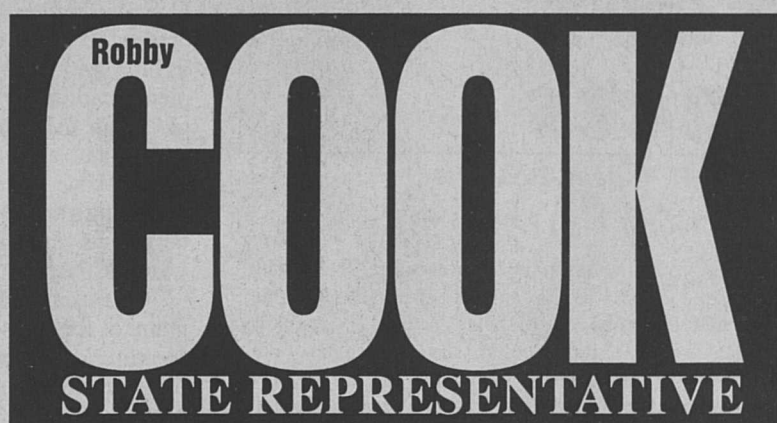


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Robby Cook works for Colorado County

Rural Economic Development

Create an environment here in rural Texas where businesses are easy to start and easy to grow by minimizing red tape and regulation, and creating incentives for other businesses to move to our part of Texas. Economic development is the key to our future and a better standard of living for all our families. We must have good jobs for our kids so they can raise their families here, instead of having to move to Austin or Houston to find work.

Quality Education

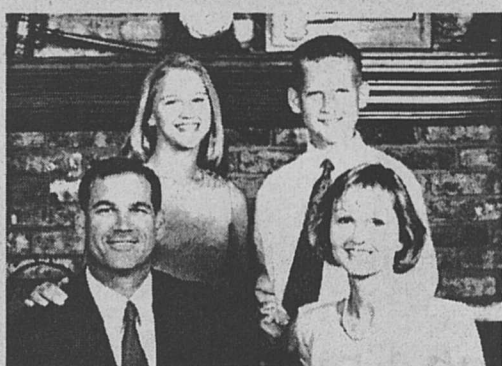
Strengthening local control and freeing our school districts from burdensome state regulations will enable us to build the best public school systems in the country. It is important to provide incentives to recruit and retain quality educators while keeping accountability in our public education system. We must encourage local on-site decision making, and give school districts as much independence as possible.

Rural Public Safety

As a small-town mayor, I have seen first-hand how crime, particularly juvenile crime, has become a very real problem in rural Texas. For violent offenders, we need to make a maximum sentence mean hard time behind bars. We should encourage our young people to go to school, not to prison. We must also support our volunteer fire departments and emergency medical services personnel here in rural Texas.

Rural Texas Resources

The Colorado River runs through the heart of House District 28, and as a rice farmer and former small-town mayor, Robby understands that having a clean, reliable water supply is absolutely essential to our area. Robby will work to make sure that our surface and ground water rights are protected. As one of the few full-time farmers remaining in the Legislature, he knows how important it is to protect our private property rights. Here in rural Texas, we know what it means to be good stewards of the land, and Robby will fight hard to defeat any measures that would weaken private property rights. Robby will also never forget that our most important natural resource is the people of rural Texas.



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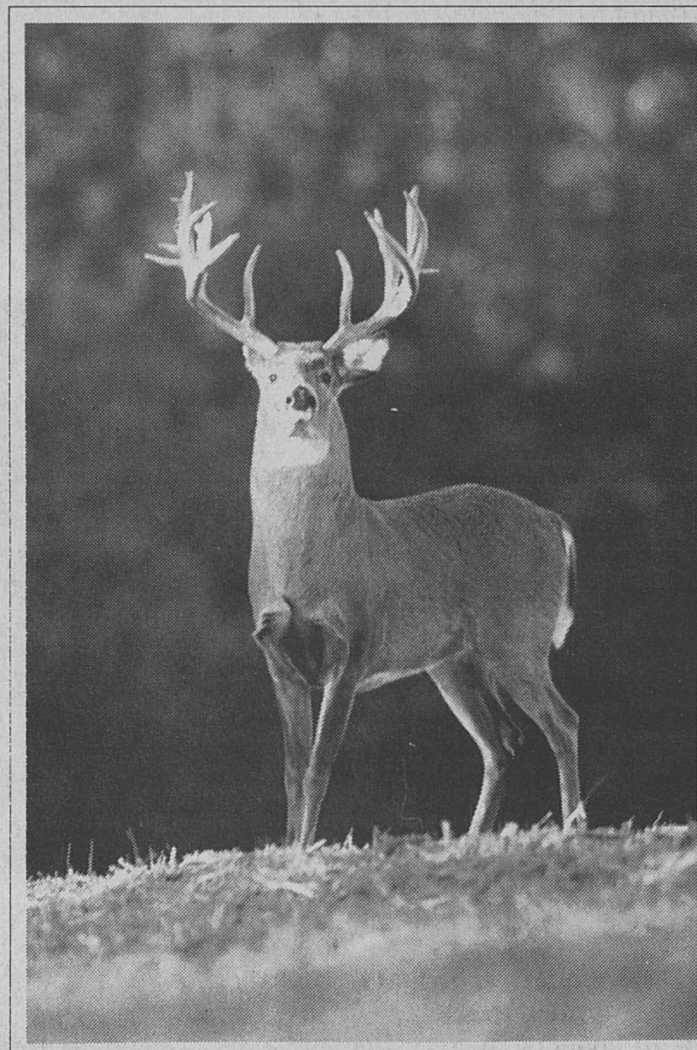
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