

Newsbriefs

RCISD accepting Gifted, Talented nominations

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District (RCISD) is accepting nominations for the Gifted/Talented program at all campuses. Nominations may be made by teachers, parents, counselors, administrators, professionals who have relevant data to contribute on a particular student and the student themselves. Please contact the counselor at the student's campus for nomination forms.

Zimmerscheidt School open house

The Zimmerscheidt School Open House will be held Sunday, Oct. 28, at 3 p.m. Music and a program will be held. Chicken stew will be served at 5 p.m. Donations are being accepted for the meal and dessert. Bricks are also being sold for courthouse walk to fund school maintenance for \$50. For more details call Crockett Leyendecker at 979-732-6693; Randa Simmons at 732-6948; or Otto Loessin at 732-3682.

Study Club meeting is Oct. 10

The Eagle Lake Study Club will hold their monthly meeting Wednesday, Oct. 10, at 2 p.m. at the Wintermann Library. The program, "Mirian 'Mau' Ferguson," will be presented by Merle Hudgins. Please plan to attend and bring a friend along. Don't forget to bring your Study Club auction donation items.

Halloween Carnival is Oct. 28

The Ministerial Alliance of Eagle Lake is preparing the Second Annual Halloween Carnival hosted by Christ Episcopal Church (CEC) in the rectory backyard at 304 E.

Balas attends D.C. reunion

Tony Balas, a resident of Columbus and formerly of Eagle Lake, spent the weekend of Aug. 2-5 in Washington, D.C. attending the 17th Reunion of the 11th Armored Cavalry Veteran's of Vietnam and Cambodia, and the 100th anniversary of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

Tony was accompanied by his cousin, Louis Balas, and his family of Sonora, Texas.

Of the 1,300 cavalry vets who attended the event, Tony was reunited with three of his platoon members (Rick Sardone, Mike Craig and Wayne Wahs).

Louis was reunited with his platoon leader, Gerald (Rudy) Rudisill,

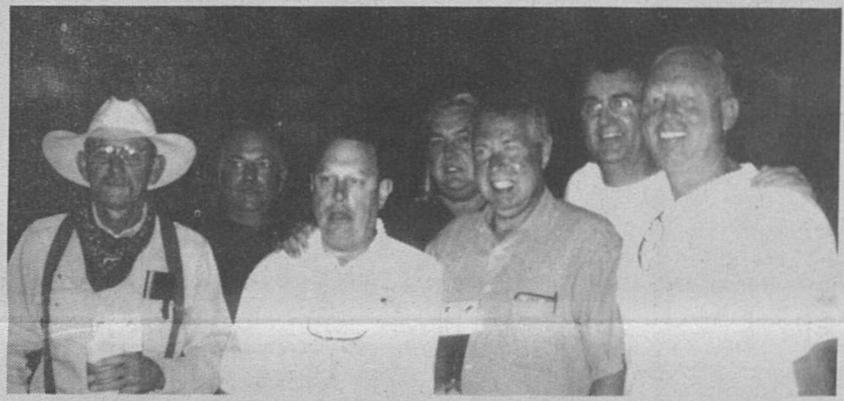
(Ret. Army General and Consultant Aide to General Shelton of the Joint Chiefs of Staff).

Tony said, "It was an emotional experience for him to see his three platoon buddies and visiting the wall."

Louis served with the 2/11 Armored Cavalry E Troop as a Recon Intelligence Specialist, 1967-68. He was awarded the Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts and a Combat Infantry Badge.

Tony served with the 2/11 Armored Cavalry F Troop and H Co. as a Combat Medic, 1970-71. He was awarded the Silver Star, a Purple Heart and the Combat Medic Badge.

The 11th Cavalry web site is www.11thcavnam.com.



Pictured during the recent reunion are, in front, from left, Louis Balas, Tony Balas, Mike Craig and Bobby Ford. In back are Sardone, Wayne Wahs and Steve Albert.

Photo Courtesy of Tony Balas

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Receiving cattle on Wednesday; receiving pens remain the same. Same competitive service...Same unbeatable service...New "state-of-the-art" facilities to serve You, the seller. We appreciate your business!

Market Report for Sept. 27, 2001
Animals on hand: cattle, 3217; three horses.

Number of sellers: 362.

Packer cows: higher dressing utility & cutter cows, 40-47¢ per lbs.; lower dressing utility & cutter cows,

36-39¢ pr lb.; thin cows, 31-34¢.
Packer bulls: heavy weight bulls 52-58¢; utility cutter bulls, 47-51¢.

Stocker/Feeder-Calves/Yearlings
Steers #1: 200-300 lbs., \$1.45-1.55; 300-400 lbs., \$1.20-1.35; 400-500 lbs., \$1.05-1.15; 500-600 lbs., 89-99¢; 600-700 lbs., 80-88¢; 700-800 lbs., 72-78¢.

Steers #2: 200-300 lbs., \$1.20-1.35; 300-400 lbs., \$1.10-1.18; 400-500 lbs., 90¢-\$1.03; 500-600 lbs., 80-85¢; 600-700 lbs., 72-78¢; 700-800 lbs., 64-70¢.

Heifers #1: 200-300 lbs., \$1.15-1.25; 300-400 lbs., 98¢-\$1.10; 400-500 lbs., 85-95¢; 500-600 lbs., 79-84¢; 600-700 lbs., 72-78¢; 700-800 lbs., 69-74¢.

Heifers #2: 200-300 lbs., \$1.00-1.14; 300-400 lbs., 82-92¢; 400-500 lbs., 73-80¢; 500-600 lbs., 72-77¢; 600-700 lbs., 66-71¢; 700-800 lbs., 62-68¢.

Good stocker cow/calf pairs, \$625-725 by the head; med. cow/calf pairs, \$575-620 by the head; common cow/calf pairs, \$525-570; good stocker cows & heifers, \$525-575; medium stocker cows & heifers, \$470-520.

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Stockbridge from 6 to 8 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 28. All parents are encouraged to bring their little ghouls, goblins and saints for an evening of food, drinks, fun and games... all for a minimal fee like last year. There will be a costume contest at 7 p.m. If there are any questions or you want to help, call your pastor or Fr. Steve Whitfield, pastor of CEC, at 234-3437.

GED classes scheduled

GED classes are being held at the Eagle Lake Middle School library on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For information or to register for the classes, call Lois Raabe at 979-234-3501.

Study Club needs auction donations

The Eagle Lake Study Club is gearing up for the Annual Study Club Auction scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 27. The Club asks that you get your donations to them as soon as possible. For more information, contact Study Club President Fair Wells, Betty Wilcox or any committee member. Or, you may take your donations to the library. Thank you in advance for your support.

CCA meeting is tonight

Combined Community Action Inc. (CCA) will hold its board of directors meeting Thursday, Oct. 4, in Sealy at 6:30 p.m. at the Silver Lake Retirement Center. The public is invited to attend.

Rice Project Grad. meeting is Oct. 15

The monthly Rice Project Graduation meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the Rice High School (RHS) commons. RHS seniors and their parents are invited to attend.

Triglyceride/cholesterol screenings are Oct. 10

The monthly triglyceride/cholesterol screenings are set for Wednesday, Oct. 10, 7 to 9 a.m. at the Gulf Coast Medical Center (GCMC) Lab. Schedule your appointment by calling the lab at 979-282-6110. PSA screens for men will also be done on Wednesday from 7 to 9 a.m. Call the GCMC lab to schedule your appointment.

Fall bazaar, craft show is this weekend

St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Pearland is hosting a Bazaar and Craft Show Friday and Saturday, Oct. 5 and 6, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 7, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. There will be indoor and outdoor craft booths, food, children's games, raffles, door prizes and more. For booth information, call 281-482-5162.

Hay

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Also, groundwater conservation district possibilities will be discussed. Two CEUs will be offered for private applicators, one in laws and regulation and one in general.

The County Hay Show is being sponsored by the Colorado County Livestock Committee, local agri-businesses, Colorado Soil & Water Conservation District and Texas Cooperative Extension Service.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Hay Show and Educational Meeting.

Rebates

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Columbus, \$616,132.68, +7.17%; Weimar, \$155,980.63, +35.65%*; Sealy, \$760,413.17, -9.43%; Bellville, \$372,951.21, +10.54%; El Campo, \$1,577,602.38, +5.14%; and Wharton, \$922,569.66, +10.86%.

On the county level, Colorado County received \$50,668.21, up 11.94%. Austin County received \$67,295.81, down 5.72%. Wharton County received \$137,177.19, up 12.86%.

Year-to-date figures for these counties are: Colorado, \$520,181.17, up 11.91%; Austin, \$593,992.32, down 9.28%; Wharton, \$1,177,955.46, +7.27%.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be delivered Friday, Oct. 12.

*This is an inaccurate comparison; Weimar recently increased the city's portion of sales tax to 1.5%.

Did You Know...

Before 1850, golf balls were made of leather and stuffed with feathers.

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Water

fee based revenue.

Production limits of some number of acre-feet per acre planted, or per acre owned or by size of well has to be in the rules of operation for a GCD so that there is some protection against abusive production by exporters. The district will have to work with the agricultural industry to arrive at limits that will satisfy all.

Currently, the Advisory Board has gathered both technical studies and guesses of what it takes to irrigate a rice crop. Unfortunately, most of the technical studies are from Wharton County. This data suggests that 4 acre-feet of groundwater per acre planted will be a starting point in discussions.

Row crops use 1.0-a-ft to 1.5-a-ft per acre and have a maximum drought need of 2 acre-feet per acre. There is also potential to use the well size and gallons per minute production capacity to determine spacing between wells and number of acres allocated per well. For comparison, the Gonzales GCD has 2 acre-feet per acre owned production limit. The elected board will have to resolve this issue.

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