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noon. Paper goods, utensils, tea and soda will be provided. Pass the word to all your family because we weren't able to obtain all the 911 addresses. For more information, contact Bernice Stancik at 1104 Front St., Glidden, TX 78943.

## Hamburger supper at Raider scrimmage scheduled

Thursday, Aug. 22, the Rice Raiders will host the Gonzales Apaches in a football scrimmage. The Rice Raider Booster Club will hold a hamburger supper during the games. The cost of the meal is \$5 for a burger, chips and drink. There will also be Raider spirit items on sale as well as a sign up for Booster Club membership. Hope to see you there!

## Rice Project Graduation to meet Aug. 26

Mark your calendar for Monday, Aug. 26, for the first Rice Project Graduation meeting for the graduating seniors of 2003. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the high school commons and will include election of the new board of directors. Keep a good thing going. Get involved!

## RMC golf tournament is Sept. 21

Rice Medical Center (RMC) will be holding its 6th Annual Golf Tournament Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center golf course. Contact Joe Lee Perez at RMC at 979-234-5571 for more information.

## Main Street Art Extravaganza to announce winners

Calling all Main Street Art Extravaganza art projects! Winners will be announced Thursday, Aug. 8, at the Watermelon Bash on Main Street. Judging will also take place Thursday, Aug. 8. The announcements will be made and watermelon served outside City Hall at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Come support our "local artists" and enjoy fresh watermelon and fun with Main Street Eagle Lake and Friends of Main Street. For more information, call Leslie Lerner, Main Street Manager at 234-3819 or 713-443-8888; or e-mail lesliel@flashnet.

## WCJC registration starts in Aug.

Regular registration schedule for fall 2002 credit classes at Wharton County Jr. College (WCJC) start in Aug. You must register for an appointment by calling 979-532-6303; 281-239-1544; 281-243-8415 or 281-243-8445. Registration in Palacios is Monday, Aug. 12; Wharton, Monday, Aug. 19; Fort Bend Technical Center, Richmond, Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 20-21; Sugar Land, Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 20-21; and Bay City, Thursday, Aug. 22.

# Savvy

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for beneficiaries with diabetes or kidney disease.

•Continuous positive airway pressure devices, which is a nose mask used to help control sleep apnea, a condition that causes some people to stop breathing for brief periods during sleep. Beginning April 1, Medicare now covers them routinely, not just for severe cases.

•Ambulatory blood pressure monitoring, which involves wearing a cuff that automatically records blood pressure over a 24-hour period. Starting April 1, Medicare now covers this system specifically for patients with "white coat hypertension," a term meaning that just going to the doctor's office is enough to raise their blood

pressure, thereby affecting diagnosis.

•Regular foot care will be available to diabetes patients with peripheral neuropathy, a nerve condition that lessens their ability to feel pain, thus increasing the risk of foot ulcers and, most seriously, amputation. Later this year Medicare will start covering two foot exams a year.

The information was obtained from Medicare and AARP. For more details, call Medicare at 1-800-633-4227 or www.medicare.gov. Also see www.aarp.org.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or see our Web site at www.savvysenior.org.

# Food safety program to be held Aug. 12 and 19

Almost 50% of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on foods prepared by food service providers. Studies show that food safety is a top consumer concern today. Careful attention to food safety can pay off not just in bringing in dollars for your business, but also by keeping your customers safe and happy say Vi Mueller, Fayette County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences, and Sally Garrett, Colorado County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences.

The Food Protection Management program is designed to train food service managers and employees about food safety. "Food Safety - it's our business" is a training developed by Texas Cooperative Extension in coordination with the Texas Department of Health.

Through this program training participants will learn the latest information in sanitation, food flow, and facilities and equipment. Managers who are responsible for safe food handling at restaurants, cafeterias, supermarkets, bed and breakfast inns, convenience stores, health care establishments, nursing homes, hospitals etc., should attend the training.

On Aug. 12 and 19, Mueller and Garrett will offer a two-day Food Protection Management Training Pro-

gram at the Fayette County Building, 312 Paulus in Schulenburg. This program is being co-sponsored by the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce. The registration fee includes the exam and materials for use at our food site. You must be pre-registered to attend the training. Registration forms are available at the Fayette County Extension Office and the Colorado County Extension Office.

Good food safety affects your bottom line in many ways by preventing food borne diseases, increased customer satisfaction because of your attention to food safety, improved profits through controlling food costs and waste, and improved relationships with health officials through quality-check inspections.

For further information on the Food Protection Management Training Program, call the Fayette County Extension Office at 979-968-5812 or the Colorado County Extension Office at 979-732-2530.

The Extension will seek to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for this meeting. We request that you contact the Fayette or Colorado County Extension Offices as soon as possible to advise us of the auxiliary aid or service that you will require.

# Local 4-H member attends Texas Congress

4-H member Margie Leopold of Bluebonnet 4-H in Nada attended Texas 4-H Congress held in Austin, July 14-17.

Texas 4-H Congress is a four-day, simulated legislative experience for 4-H members age 15-18. Leopold served as a member of the House of Representatives.

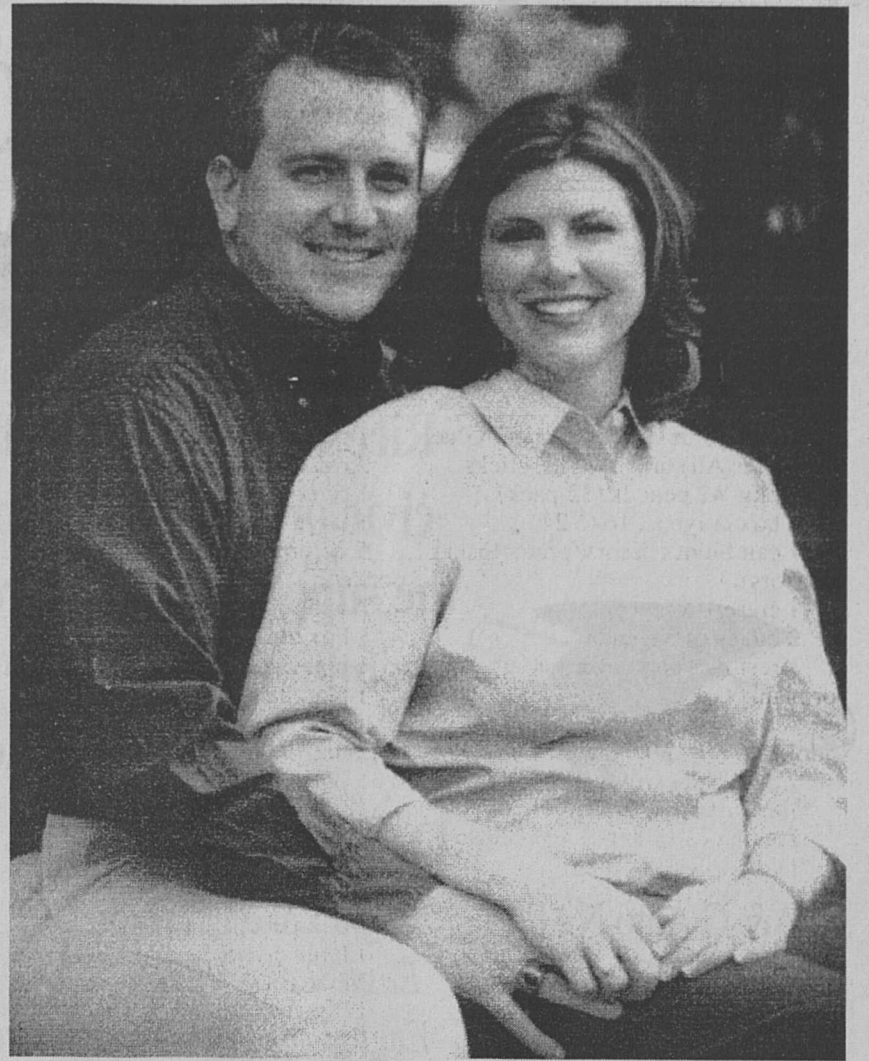
Texas 4-H congress, an event that has been conducted since the early 1980s, allows 4-H youth to utilize the Texas State Capitol facilities to submit, debate and pass legislation dealing with issues of concern to them.

During the sessions, 4-H members representing the entire state assume the roles of senators, representatives, lobbyists and members of the press.

While at 4-H Congress, members had the opportunity to be addressed

by Gwyn Shea, Texas Secretary of State, as well as meet Reps. Robby Cook, Talmage Helfin and Lois Kolhurst and Senator Todd Staples.

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## Obenhaus, Parker to wed Aug. 29

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Obenhaus of Orange announce the engagement of their daughter, Nickie Obenhaus, to Shane Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Parker Sr. of Covington, Virginia.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Little Cypress Mauriceville High School and a graduate of Texas A&M University. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering and is employed by Mead Mestvaco in Evadale.

She is the granddaughter of LaVerne Obenhaus of East Bernard, formerly of Eagle Lake, and the late Dick Obenhaus.

The prospective groom is a 1988 graduate of Alleghany High School and a graduate of Virginia Tech University. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering and is employed by Mead Mestvaco in Evadale.

The couple plans a 2 p.m. wedding on August 29, 2002, on a cruise to Cozumel, Mexico.

# Wied attends sheriff's conference

Colorado County Sheriff R.H. "Curly" Wied attended the 124th Annual Sheriff's Association of Texas Training Conference, attended by over 1,300, held at the Fort Worth Convention Center, July 28-31.

The conference, first held in 1878, is held annually in various cities across the state.

The event allows sheriffs, deputies, federal, state and city law en-

forcement officers to network and discuss different issues which have an effect on law enforcement across the state and nation.

The group was addressed by candidates for the offices of governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general.

The attendees also received continuing education credits in several topics including cultural diversity,

racial profiling, asset forfeiture, management, prevention of family violence, terrorism preparedness and the latest regulations in airline security.

They also had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the latest in crime fighting tools and technology. Over 200 exhibits displayed and demonstrated their services and products.

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## Statement of Increase/Decrease

If City of Eagle Lake adopts a 2002 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$ .60129 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2001 taxes by \$ .977

## Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
M&O	
I&S	30,831

## Schedule B - 2002 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
G.O. Bonds Series 1997	\$ 50,000	\$ 38,588	\$ 323	\$ 88,911
Anti. Notes Series 1996 (expand as needed)	\$ 20,000	\$ 650	\$ 326	\$ 20,976
Total required for 2002 debt service			\$ 109,887	\$ 109,887
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$ 0	
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$ 0	
- Excess collections last year			\$ 1,469	
- Total to be paid from taxes in 2002			\$ 108,418	
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2002			\$ 0	
- Total Debt Levy			\$ 108,418	

## Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes) In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$ in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

## Schedule D - State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The County Auditor certifies that County has spent \$ in the previous 12 months beginning for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

## Schedule E - Transfer of Department, Function or Activity

The spent \$ from to on the . The operates this function in all or a majority of the . (Second Year of Transfer: Modify schedule to show comparison of amount this year and preceding year by unit receiving the function.)

## Schedule F - Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures

The spent \$ from to on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Colorado County Central Appraisal District. Name of person preparing this notice Billy Youens Title Chief Appraiser Date prepared August 2, 2002

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## 2002 Property Tax Rates in City of Eagle Lake

This notice concerns 2002 property tax rates for City of Eagle Lake. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

### Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 279,932
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 125,898
Last year's total taxes	\$ 405,830
Last year's tax base	\$ 64,725,720
Last year's total tax rate	\$ .62700 /\$100

### This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 405,090
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 67,369,540
- This year's effective tax rate	\$ .60129 /\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$ .61932 /\$100

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ /\$100
- Effective tax rate	\$ /\$100

### This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 279,422
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 67,369,540
- This year's effective operating rate	\$ .41476 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ .44794 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ .16028 /\$100
- This year's rollback rate	\$ .60822 /\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ /\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$ /\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rate for pollution control	\$ /\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$ /\$100