

Report cards to be given to RHS students

Progress reports and report cards will no longer be mailed home to the parents/guardians of Rice High School students.

They will be distributed to students during first period and students are responsible for taking them home. Students will receive a complete seven period report at the end of each three weeks and six-week grading period.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Little League election of officers is Sept. 24

The Rice Little League election of officers will be held Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Wiese Crop Insurance, 121 E. Main St. For more information call Bryan Wiese at 234-7469.

WCJC to present concert tonight

The Fine Arts Department of Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) will present the annual *Something Old/Something New* concert, Thursday, Sept. 19 in the Horton Foote Theatre in the Duson-Hansen Fine Arts Building on the Wharton Campus at 7:30 p.m. The faculty members of the Fine Arts Department will present light, fun, humorous, and very entertaining music, readings, and skits to honor donors of the Fine Arts. The public is also invited. For more information, contact the Fine Arts Division Secretary at 979-532-6300. This is a free concert.

GMOBC Pastor's Aide Service is Sept. 21

Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church (GMOBC), 709 N. Lake Ave., cordially invites everyone to attend the Pastor's Aide Service, Saturday, Sept. 21, at 6 p.m. honoring Rev. Thomas Kuykendall. Guest speaker will be Rev. James Wilkins of Post Oak Baptist Church of Brenham.

UMC Brown Bag Lunch is Sunday

The United Methodist Church (UMC) of Eagle Lake is sponsoring a Hamburger Brown Bag Lunch, Sunday, Sept. 22 from noon until 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 each and may be purchased at the church office or from Sandy Bendy (234-3925 or 234-3776). You may pick up your brown bag lunch at the back driveway of the church, entering from Cemetery Avenue. Proceeds of this fund raiser will go toward a pledge to Mt. Wesley, a spiritual retreat center, and to help a church in Bolivia.

MMBC Gospel Fest is this weekend

The 5th Annual Mt. Moriah Baptist Church (MMBC) Outdoor Gospel Fest and Fair will be held Sept. 20-22 in Alleyton. The event will feature food, crafts, game booths, carnival rides, entertainment for the kids, an early morning yard sale and two live auctions. There will be gospel music from bands from Wharton, Bay City, Austin, Killeen and Houston. Special guests will come from New Orleans and New Mexico. Events start Friday, Sept. 20, at 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 21, at 7 a.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 22, 2:30-8 p.m. For more information, call 281-342-7557.

RHS Classes to hold combined reunion

The Rice High School (RHS) Classes of 1991, 1992 and 1993 will hold a combined reunion at the Treehouse in Eagle Lake, Saturday, Oct. 12, starting at 5 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish and/or snacks. Former members of the RHS classes of 1991-93 who want more information or have suggestions, should call Vicki (Drilik) Nelson at 281-579-7334.

RMC fundraiser is underway

The Rice Medical Center Auxiliary (better known as the Pink Ladies) is selling tickets for a remote control truck. The truck has headlights, coil springs, low and high gears, and oversized tires. Tickets are \$1 each for 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held Monday, Dec. 9, just in time for Christmas. This remote controlled truck is ideal for boys (and girls and big boys also). Tickets are available in the gift shop at the hospital or call Barbara Pidgeon, 234-2897.

Booster Club meeting is Sept. 30

The Rice Athletic Booster Club will meet Monday, Sept. 30, at 7 p.m. at the high school. All parents and fans of Raider and Lady Raider athletes are urged to attend. If you would like to join the Booster Club, memberships are available for \$10 for families and \$35 for businesses. The Booster Club still has medium ladies sleeveless shirts available. The shirts are blue and white checked with a Rice monogram. If you are interested in purchasing a shirt, call Kelly Roark at 234-6536.

Winterman Library to hold book sale

The Eula and David Winterman Library will hold a book sale Friday and Saturday, Oct. 4 and 5; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, and 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Proceeds from the sale will go for replenishing the library's book collection. If you have any books you would like to donate to the sale, bring them by the library before Oct. 1. We appreciate the community's support of our previous book sales and look forward to seeing you again this year.

Holy Cross Parish Bazaar is Oct. 13

The Holy Cross Parish Bazaar will be held Sunday, Oct. 13, at Riverside Hall in East Bernard. Barbecue beef, chicken and sausage with homemade dressing with all the trimmings will be served from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. There (See Newsbriefs, Page 8)

LCRA grants \$25,000 to County Ag-Complex

Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) awarded a \$25,000 Community Development Partnership Program grant to the Colorado County Ag-Complex for additional restroom facilities.

Permanent men's and women's rest rooms will be added to the Colorado County Ag-Complex to accommodate the large number of people who visit the facility for county fairs, concerts and other functions.

The Colorado County Ag-Complex is a non-profit operation organized in 1993 by Colorado County citizens to provide a fairground, livestock pavilion, rodeo arena and home economics and entertainment multi-use facility for Colorado County and neighboring areas.

The grant is one of 26 totaling \$512,641 awarded recently through LCRA's Community Development Partnership Program. The program provides economic development and community assistance grants to cities, counties, volunteer fire departments, regional development councils and other non-profit organizations in LCRA's service area. For more information on the grant program, call Lori Vitek at 800-776-5272, Ext. 3393.



John Matthews, fourth from left, Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) director, presented a \$25,000 check to representatives of the Colorado County Ag-Complex. The contribution is earmarked for the construction of permanent men's and women's restrooms at the facility. Colorado County Fair Association directors, Colorado County Ag-Complex representatives and county officials on hand for the presentation were, from left, Ken Sparks, R.H. Curly Wied, Doug Wessels, Matthews, Jerry Henneke, Fritz Leopold, Kenneth Brune, Darlene Hayek, Leon Dittmar Jr., Darrell Gertson, Al Jamison, Herbie Helmcamp, and LCRA regional representative Marian Balke. Banner Press Photo by Nora Rollins

Eagle Lake citizens remember 9-11-01

Wednesday, Sept. 11, at 8:30 a.m., citizens of Eagle Lake joined together to remember those who lost their lives

in the Sept. 11 tragedy a year ago. Mayor René Cooper-Scott, members of City Council, the Rice High

School Band, Colorado County Juvenile Facility drill instructors and cadets, and local clergy were also in attendance for the memorial service.

The ceremony started off with a soul-stirring prayer by Little David of Little David Ministries.

State Representative Robby Cook

took the opportunity to speak on what being "An American" is all about.

The band, as well as the cadets from the Juvenile Facility, entertained those in attendance.

Mayor Cooper-Scott then spoke briefly and closed the ceremony by asking the band to play another song.

Public information forum

From Bob Pickens, Temporary Board President, Post Oak Groundwater Conservation District

The Post Oak Groundwater Conservation District will hold a public information forum Tuesday, Oct. 8, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the District Courtroom of the Colorado County Courthouse in Columbus to discuss issues related to the formation of the district for Colorado County.

The program will include a panel presentation of general information about the state of groundwater in the County, Texas groundwater laws and district operations, potential impact on cities in the County, and concerns about individual and landowner property rights. A question and answer session will immediately follow the panel presentation.

Casino Night is almost here

There is no need to go to Las Vegas or Louisiana because the casinos are coming to Eagle Lake! Friends of Main Street is sponsoring the First Annual Eagle Lake Casino Night Saturday, Sept. 28, at 7 p.m.

Blackjack, roulette and craps tables will be open for gaming at the Prairie Edge Museum. Everybody has a chance to win great prizes including a night at Canyon of the Eagles on Lake Buchanan, four Comets tickets and a night at the Four Seasons Hotel in Houston, Astros tickets, meals at several restaurants and more!

Tickets are available from Main Street Board Members, Austin's BBQ, Baumgart Agencies, Sportsman's Restaurant, Becky Anderson, Bernice Bornstein, Sandy Thomson, Sandy Bendy, Denice Janow, Joan Matthews and the Main Street Office.

Tickets are being sold for \$25. The price includes snacks and gaming chips. Beer, wine and additional gaming chips are extra. Tickets will be \$30 at the door.

For more information, please feel free to contact Leslie Lerner at 979-234-6933.

Heritage House says thanks

Heritage House staff would like to say thank you for the response to the Adopt-A-Grandparent Program.

Ninety guests, residents and staff attended the reception. Many of our residents now have "grandchildren" they didn't have previously.

There are a few residents who do not have an "adopted" grandchild. If you are interested in participating or learning more about this worthwhile program, please contact Linda Tillman, activity director, at 234-3591.

Ann Chenault
Administrator

Fireman's Prayer

When I am called to duty, God wherever flames may rage,
give me strength to save some life whatever be its age.
Help me embrace a little child before it's too late,
or save an older person from the horror of that fate.
Enable me to be alert and hear the weakest shout,
and quickly and effectively to put the fire out.
I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me,
to guard my every neighbor and protect his property.
And if according to your will I have to lose my life,
Please bless with your protecting hand my children and my wife.
Amen



From left, John Young, Tim Kelley, Leslie Lerner, Len Matula, Robby Cook and René Cooper-Scott join hands in prayer as Little David opened the memorial service. Headlight Photo by Carol Cardenas



Orange memorial painting

A hand-painted picture of Eddie Orange and the Colorado County Ag Complex, by Rose Marie Thumann of Dickinson and Cat Spring, was presented to the Orange family in his memory at the opening ceremony of the Colorado County Fair last Thursday. On hand for the photo were, from left, Ray, Brett, Pat and Taylor Bartels; Evelyn Orange; Thumann, Tammy, Scott and Hannah Orange. The Eddie Orange Livestock Building was named in 2000 for his hard work and dedication to the construction of the Ag-Complex.

Banner Press Photo by Nora Rollins

Grand Champion steer

This year's Jr. Livestock Show Grand Champion steer was exhibited by Chad Mahalitic (far right). The 1125-pound animal was purchased by B&D Services (Bruce and Donna Tesch). For related photos, see Pages 6 and 7. Headlight Photo

