

# Even more from the 2002 Colorado County Fair

## Parade winners

The Colorado County Fair Parade was held Saturday, Sept. 14, with the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce taking Best overall honors. Other winners were:

**Best Educational:** Rice Promotion, first place; second, Little Mr. and Miss Colorado County Fair Most Handsome and Most Beautiful; Columbus Jr. High Cheerleaders, third.

**Best Float:** Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, first place; second, Yoakum Chamber of Commerce; Weimar Chamber of Commerce, third.

**Best Commercial:** Columbus Carpets, first place; second, Magnolia

Place; Wood's Welding Service, third.

**Best Service Organization:** Rock Island United Methodist Church, first place; second, Beta Sigma Phi-Alpha Delta Upsilon; Xi Chi Kappa, third.

**Best Equestrian:** Colorado County 4-H Horse Club, first place.

**Best Marching and Twirling:** Columbus High School Band, first place; second, Rice High School Band; Colorado County Boot Camp, third.

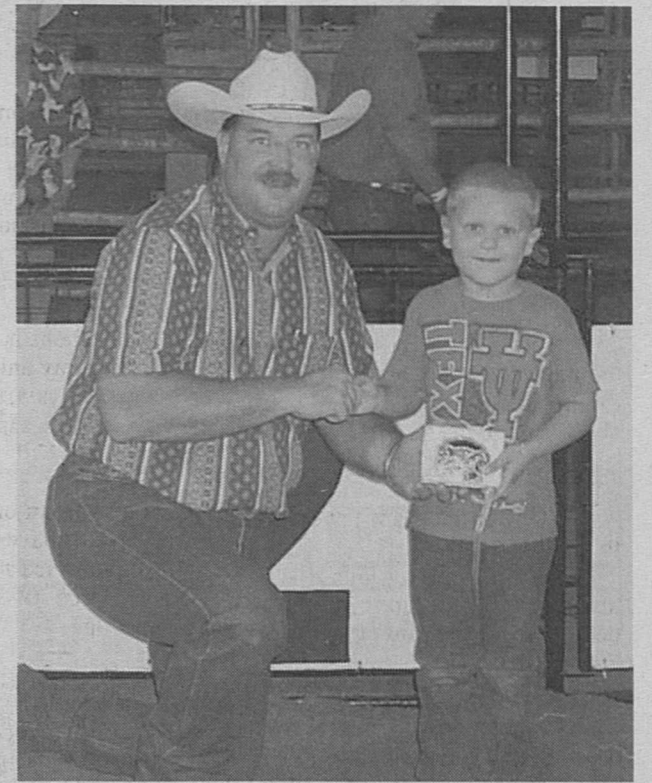
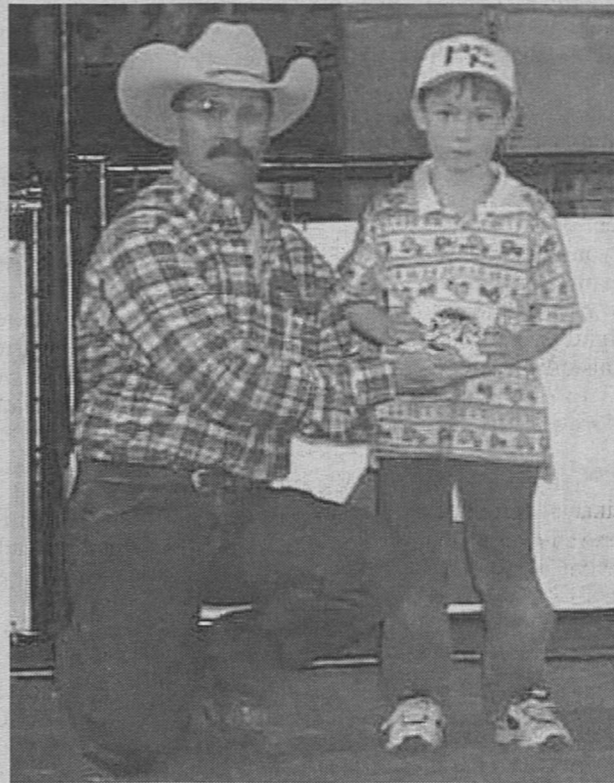
**Best Antique Vehicle:** Clarence and Gladys Dittrich-1950 GMC pickup, first place; second, Henry Butler-1947 John Deere MT tractor; Ellis Glueck-1930 Ford Model A, third.

## Mutton Bustin' and Calf Scramble

The Colorado County Arena Association sponsored two events during this year's Fair: Mutton Bustin' and the Calf Scramble.

Mutton Bustin' was for children six years of age or younger. Each contestant rode a sheep for as long as possible. The winner received a belt buckle; all participants were given ribbons.

The Calf Scramble, according to Arena Association members, was very exciting for the spectators as well as the participants. The 10 contestants who caught a calf and pulled him into the circle, won money for a calf to be raised and shown at next year's Fair.

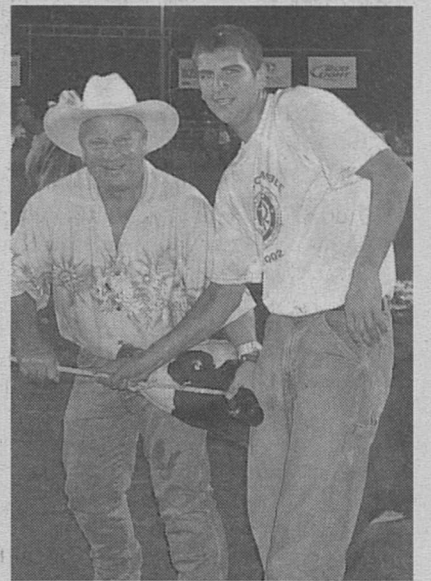


Clockwise from top left, Paul Stewart, a Director of the Colorado County Arena Association, presented Saturday night's Mutton Bustin' winner five-year-old Cody Goolsby of Columbus, with his belt buckle.

Bunge Halla, President of the Arena Assoc., presented six-year-old Colten Hoskins of Weimar his belt buckle for winning Friday night. (Thursday night's winner was six-year-old Eric Supak of Columbus, but no photo was available.)

The first calf scrambler across the line is shown with Arena Assoc. 1st Vice President Craig Duperier.

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## Protecting your personal information

The growth of technology and the important role it plays in the lives of Texas citizens require that steps be taken to protect our private information as well.

Representative Robby Cook stated that last year, the legislature passed bills to protect the privacy of our medical records, driver's license information, credit cards and e-mail addresses.

The Texas Medical Privacy Act allows individuals to exercise control over disclosure of their private health information. The legislation prohibits health care providers, government entities, and others with access to medical records from disclosing, using, or selling personal health information for marketing purposes. It also allows patients to access their own medical records and receive notice of how their information is collected and to whom it is disclosed. This legisla-

tion offers stronger protection to Tex-

ans than is currently provided under federal law.

State agencies are required to clearly notify citizens that they are entitled to receive and review information collected by the state and to correct any information that is inaccurate. The legislature also created the State Privacy Task Force to make recommendations to the legislature on ways to protect personal information collected by the state.

Rep. Cook stated, "Our personal information is safer because the legislature enacted measures that require state and local agencies to keep credit card information private, prohibit state agencies from disclosing a person's e-mail address without his or her permission, and increased the maximum penalty that can be imposed for the interception of a private communica-

tion."

By limiting access to personal driver's license information last session, legislators took the right step towards safeguarding your private information. Lawmakers must continue to work to keep all the personal information collected by the state out of the hands of private interests, including insurance companies. In an effort to protect Texans from harassment by telemarketers, the legislature created a statewide "Do Not Call List."

Solicitors are not permitted to call individuals whose name appears on the list. To add your name to the Texas Do Not Call List, call 1-866-TXNOCALL (1-866-896-6225) or go online at [www.texasnocall.com](http://www.texasnocall.com).

For information on ways to keep your personal information private, visit the State of Texas website at [www.texasonline.com](http://www.texasonline.com).

## Hattermann, Ulbricht attend TFB Seminar

Leon Hattermann of Weimar and Marv Ulbricht of Columbus, Colorado County Farm Bureau directors, at-

tended the Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) Legislative Seminar Sept. 18-19 in Austin.

Legislative briefings and discussions on several important issues were on the agenda to prepare for the 78th Legislature which convenes in Jan.

The upcoming session is very important to the long-term policy needs of our agriculture industry. With the expected budget shortfall, all funding issues are going to be critical, as well as water, and property rights.

## Bible Verse of the Week

"I have been young, and now I am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken nor His seed begging bread." — Psalms 37:25

Submitted by Neddy Phillips

## October: National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Rice Medical Center (RMC) is dedicated to increasing awareness of breast cancer issues, especially the importance of early detection of breast cancer.

Although cases show women are

most are risk, men need to realize they too are susceptible to breast cancer.

Oct. marks the 18th anniversary of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. RMC and many other national and local organizations have teamed

up during this special month to educate the public about breast cancer—the second leading cause of cancer death among U.S. women.

It is estimated that 203,500 new cases of breast cancer are expected to

occur among women in the U.S. this year.

RMC encourages all women to recognize the importance of early breast cancer detection by participating in National Mammography Day on Oct. 18.

*The Best Protection Is Early Detection.*

In observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, special mammogram vouchers may be purchased from RMC for \$55 (price includes Radiologist reading). These vouchers must be purchased during Oct., but are valid until Dec. 31, 2002.

If you would like to purchase a voucher or request more information on breast cancer, mammograms or women's health issues, please call RMC at 979-234-5571.

RMC is committed to breast cancer prevention, early detection and YOU! Please call today.

Rice Medical Center: *Our Family Caring For Yours!*

## SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

The Rice CISD School Board's Sept. 9 meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Board President Joe Lee Perez.

A quorum of Perez, president; Tanya Wiese, vice president; Betty Schiurring, secretary; and Carolyn Baird, Madison Smith, Jack Vawter and Laurel Milentz were in attendance for the meeting.

Dr. Richard E. Gott, superintendent; Bill Hefner IV, business manager; Candace Sibley, superintendent's secretary assistant; Melissa Neubauer, superintendent's secretary were also in attendance.

Visitors present included Heidi Beasley, Steve Perry, Rusty Roark, Dr. Lee Myer, Tom Spurgeon, Noel Valdez, Billy Youens, Wanda Gott, Houston Cummings, Rene Cooper-Scott, Ray Sykowski, Kenneth Wicks, Rev. Dave Curry, Father Eddie Winkler, Monte Williams, Christie Michalcik and Andrew Varley.

Other district administrators present were Raymond Beall, Sue Weller, Cynthia Saha, Mollie Walker and Mike Lanier.

Scott and Curry spoke about the current drug problem among Eagle Lake students and possible preventions.

Vawter reported that people in the community are pleased with improvements made by the Board.

The minutes from the two meetings held on Aug. 12 and Aug. 29 were reviewed and approved unanimously.

The Revenue and Expense Report presented by Bill Hefner was reviewed and approved.

Sue Weller, Eagle Lake Primary School principal, reported that she has 393 students on campus. She reported that the parking problem has been solved. Weller announced that there will be a PTO meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 17, and they will be introducing a new fundraiser idea. She stated that the Accelerated Reader and Math programs were going well.

Ray Beall, Eagle Lake Middle School principal informed the Board of the enrollment on campus. He stated that discipline problems were down. Beall thanked the Board for the canopy at his campus and stated that it really has improved the appearance of the school.

The Garwood and Sheridan Schools had no reports due to the fact that principals from both schools were absent from the Board meeting.

Michael Lanier, Rice High School principal reported to the Board that the new camera system was working well. The band was scheduled to be in the Colorado County Fair Parade on Saturday, Sept. 14. They also have a contest on Oct. 12 in Alief or Edna and UIL Marching Contest is on Oct. 19 in Victoria. Lanier reported that everything was going great on campus.

Dr. Saha of the Colorado County Juvenile Facility reported that the campus was in a time of mourning following the death of one of the stu-

dents. She stated that the facility has made major changes in its building to avoid this from happening again. She stated that the current enrollment was 89 students, 46 being from TYC and 45 being from Boot Camp, with 80% of these being girls. Saha reported that the computer lab was up and running.

In order of new business, the board approved an order authorizing the issuance of \$1,700,000 in principle amount of unlimited tax refunding bonds, Series 2002, authorizing the execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement, approving an official statement, and containing other matters related to the subject. This will save the district approximately \$90,000 over the next five years in interest.

Williams, Varley and Michalcik requested the Board to allow qualified FFA members to attend the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky in Oct. Approximately eight students and two adults are planning to attend. FFA is completely responsible for the fund raising of the trip.

Smith made the motion to allow FFA students to attend the convention in Louisville. Baird seconded the motion; it carried unanimously.

Dr. Gott presented the Localized Policy Manual Update 65 and the Board reviewed it. It was approved unanimously. The Board also approved the Manual Update 69.

The Board approved the selection of Ronnie Sedgwick as the Colorado County Central Appraisal District Board Member.

Dr. Gott discussed the EIE (Local) Retention and Promotion Worksheet. It was approved unanimously.

With there being no other reports the meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

The next school board meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building in Altair. The public is invited to attend.

## Men learn to cope with prostate cancer online

A diagnosis of prostate cancer is a frightening experience. Support groups and other traditional counseling options are almost always offered, but many men hesitate to talk openly about their disease or its side effects such as incontinence or impotence. M.D. Anderson offers a new way for men to cope with their disease—almost anonymously.

The M.D. Anderson Prostate Cancer Message Board allows men to talk with other patients, caregivers and friends about their experience with prostate cancer. It provides a place where men can ask questions of others, talk, listen and share ideas and concerns about their prostate cancer diagnosis. To ensure safety and integrity, this site is monitored by the Department of Social Work on a regular basis.



## Supporting local firefighters

Colorado County Firefighters Association recently received \$700 to sponsor their fifth annual Columbus Opry Benefit from Wal-Mart. Pictured at the check presentation were Wal-Mart Personnel and Community Relations Director Mary Salinas, Columbus Opry Benefit Producer and Coordinator Charlie Herchek and Wal-Mart Manager Lyndal Allen. The benefit show, Oct. 12 at Columbus Opry, 715 Walnut St., will raise funds for all nine volunteer fire departments in Colorado County. For tickets, call 979-732-2074.

Wal-Mart also donated \$300 to Columbus Volunteer Fire Department which Herchek accepted on their behalf.

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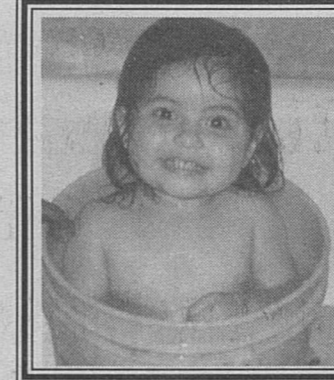
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**Destinee**  
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