

Colorado County Crime Stoppers



July 1, 2003, Eagle Lake Police Department officers met with the victim of a burglary of a motor vehicle which took place in the 600 block of B Street. The victim reported that unknown suspect(s) forced down the window of a tan 1991 Ford Explorer and removed a silver Sony stereo. The crime took place between the evening hours of June 30 and the

morning of July 1.

If you have any information about this crime, or any other felony crime, call Colorado County Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-866-522-TIPS (1-866-522-8477). You never have to give your name and, if your information leads to an arrest and charges being

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NEWSBRIEFS

Halloween curfew set

Don't forget... the Eagle Lake City Council set the a curfew for 8 p.m. Halloween Friday, Oct. 31. All public Halloween activities, including trick-or-treating, will cease by that time.

The meat is coming

The Rice FFA fundraiser of meat and cookies will arrive Thursday, Oct. 30, between 1 and 1:30 p.m. Coolers or other transportation boxes for the meat need to be at the high school Wednesday, Oct. 29, so when the meat arrives, it will be ready to load up.

MMBC pageant has Oct. 31 deadline

The Mt. Moriah Baptist Church (MMBC) of Alleyton is looking for participants for its annual Miss Christian Teen and Princess Pageant to be held in Dec. If you are interested, please call 936-825-6354, 281-342-7557 or 832-309-0952 for more information by Oct. 31.

Dedication ceremonies set for Saturday

The Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center (TCHCC) extends an invitation to all to attend the Nov. 1 events at the TCHCC in La Grange starting at 10 a.m. Re-dedication of the Wallachian Bell and Belfry that have recently been moved on-site; dedication and grand opening of the TCHCC Amphitheater/Sanford Schmid Stage; a dance performance by the visiting folkdance group, *Dvorana*, from the Czech Republic; and a folkdance workshop will all help make this a memorable, enjoyable day. Please contact the TCHCC office for more details at 979-968-9399, toll-free 888-785-4500, or e-mail czech@cvtv.net.

WCBC Anniversary Services to be held Sunday

White Cloud Baptist Church (WCBC) invites the public to come and celebrate the 37th Anniversary for Pastor Rev. Obie Rhodes and his family, Sunday, Nov. 2, at 3 p.m. Guest speaker will be Pastor Guy Washington of Greater Peace Christian Church of Austin. Pre-services will be held Thursday, Oct. 30, and Friday, Oct. 31, at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

'Art & Soul: A Celebration' is Sunday

Sunday, Nov. 2, the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake is hosting "Art & Soul: A Celebration of Faith and Art" beginning at 3 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The event will showcase the creative work of local artists and craftsmen in affirmation of their talents as gifts from God. The program will feature various performances, including a presentation by Galveston artists Jeremy and Jamie Wells, followed by an opportunity for all to view the exhibits. For information or if interested in displaying your work, call the church office, 234-2571.

CCRTA meeting is Nov. 3

Colorado County Retired Teachers Association (CCRTA) will meet at noon Monday, Nov. 3, Schobels' Restaurant, Columbus. All retired school personnel are encouraged to attend and be informed about present Texas RTA concerns.

Little League election of officers meeting is Nov. 4

Rice Little League has scheduled an election of officers meeting for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, at Eagle Lake City Hall. Due to the rescheduling of the City Council meeting, please call check on the time, date and location. If you have any questions, call Bryan Wiese at 234-7469. Anyone interested in being an officer should attend.

Grief Support group to meet Nov. 4

A Grief Support group will meet Tuesday, Nov. 4, at the First United Methodist Church, 1717 Pioneer in Wharton from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Pat Matthes, LMSW, Professional Education Liaison will facilitate the program, "Grief and the Holidays". The group is open to anyone interested in learning more about the experience of grief and the grieving process. For information, call Hospice Support Care at 979-578-0314.

Having a baby?

Will your baby arrive between Jan. 15 and March 15, 2004? Join other moms and coaches for Childbirth Classes at Gulf Coast Medical Center (GCMC) in Wharton! Classes are 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3, through Monday, Dec. 8, in the GCMC classrooms. Registration fee is \$60. The next classes will be Jan. 5-Feb. 9, 2004. For more information or to register, call 979-532-2500, ext. 2800.

Canning workshop is Nov. 5

The Colorado County Extension Education Association will chair a canning workshop, demonstrated by Marjorie Brune of the Shaw's Bend EE Club Nov. 5 at 1 p.m. at the County Ag Building, 316 Spring St. in Columbus. Space will be limited for the session, so all interested parties need to contact the Colorado County Extension Office at 979-732-2530 to reserve a seat.

CCW community meeting is Nov. 6 scheduled

All area women, especially those new to Colorado County, are invited to participate in all Columbus Christian Women's (CCW) community projects. Plan to attend the next CCW meeting Thursday, Nov. 6, 9:30 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Columbus.

4-H fruit, pecans, nuts sale orders due by Nov. 7

The Colorado County 4-H fruit, pecans and nuts sale orders need to be in by Friday, Nov. 7. Order your fruit, pecans and nuts now! Texas navel oranges and sweet grapefruit, apples, pears, pecans, peanuts, cashew, walnuts and gift packs are available. Contact a local 4-H member or Eagle Lake 4-H Club Manager Claudine Shorter at 234-2778; Assistant 4-H Manager Erma McTear, 234-2086; or the Extension Office, 979-732-2530. Fruits and nuts will arrive Dec. 5.

Senior Citizen's Dance is Nov. 7

The public is invited to a Senior Citizen's Dance, a place to meet old and new friends, Friday, Nov. 7, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. The Lazy Farmers will provide the music. Admission is \$5 per person. For more information, call 979-234-3795.

RMC offering flu shots

Saturday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m. to noon drive through the front entrance of Rice Medical Center (RMC) for your flu shot without getting out of your car! Flu shots will be administered by RMC nurses at a cost of \$18.

Legion to honor deceased veterans

The W.Cherry-M. Perry American Legion Post #108 of Eagle Lake will honor deceased veterans buried in our local cemeteries on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, by placing American flags by their gravesites. The flags will be placed in the designated holders by the gravesites on the morning of Saturday, Nov. 8, and be retrieved Wednesday, Nov. 12. The flag holders are white and red, white and blue stripes at the top, and are placed, where possible, to the immediate left of the gravesite or marker. If we have missed a veteran's grave in the past, (See Newsbriefs, Page 9)

Raiders shoot down Edna Cowboys, 43-0

The Rice Raiders, coming off a sluggish 14-0 ballgame at Sweeny last Friday, pushed all the right buttons at the "Swamp" Friday night in routing the Edna Cowboys 43-0 in front of a huge Raider crowd.

The game also marked the return of Head Coach Russell Roark, who was back from a two-week suspension following Rice's open week.

With the victory, the Raiders up their season record to 7-1 and remain undefeated at 3-0 in 28-3A district play.

Edna drops to 1-2 in district with games against Needville and Palacios remaining.

Wharton topped Palacios 48-21 to keep pace with Rice at 3-0 in district.

The Raiders took only three plays to score on their opening possession when cat-quick tailback Michael "Lightning" Spears scored on the toss-sweep from 46 yards out.

Spears nearly duplicated the same run on Rice's second possession when he darted, dipped and danced his way to the endzone from 42 yards out.

Michael, named the Gatorade Play-

er of the Game, ran for 162 yards and two touchdowns. He also had another interception, bringing his total to seven for the season.

For good measure, Spears completed a pass for a two-point conversion to Jeramie Hemphill and also caught a screen pass for 27 yards to boot.

Joining the offensive explosion was senior speedster Derland Sanford and Charles "Thunder" Huffman.

Sanford bolted his way to 100 yards on only five carries, including a spectacular 50-yard touchdown run.

Huffman bulled his way to 74 yards rushing with two touchdowns as well.

Junior Jay Thomas finished the scoring parade with a 10-yard jaunt in the fourth quarter.

The offense, playing without stand-out guard Jess Little (who's nursing a sore hip), blocked Edna defenders deep, thus allowing Raider runners to total 353 yards.

Garrett Flores, Kevin Shimek, Chad Mahalic, James Ochoa, Dustin Krenke (See Varsity, Page 8)

JV Raiders crush Cowboys, 50-0

The JV Raiders took their undefeated mark to Edna last Thursday and came away with a 50-0 victory over the Edna JV Cowboys. All three major teams for the Raiders played exceptionally well; special teams, offense and defense.

The first quarter was a scoring exhibition for the Raiders. The open game, Rice received the kickoff and Darkeith Pratt returned it 83 yards for the score. Jeremy Hill added the PAT to make the score 7-0 in favor of the Raiders.

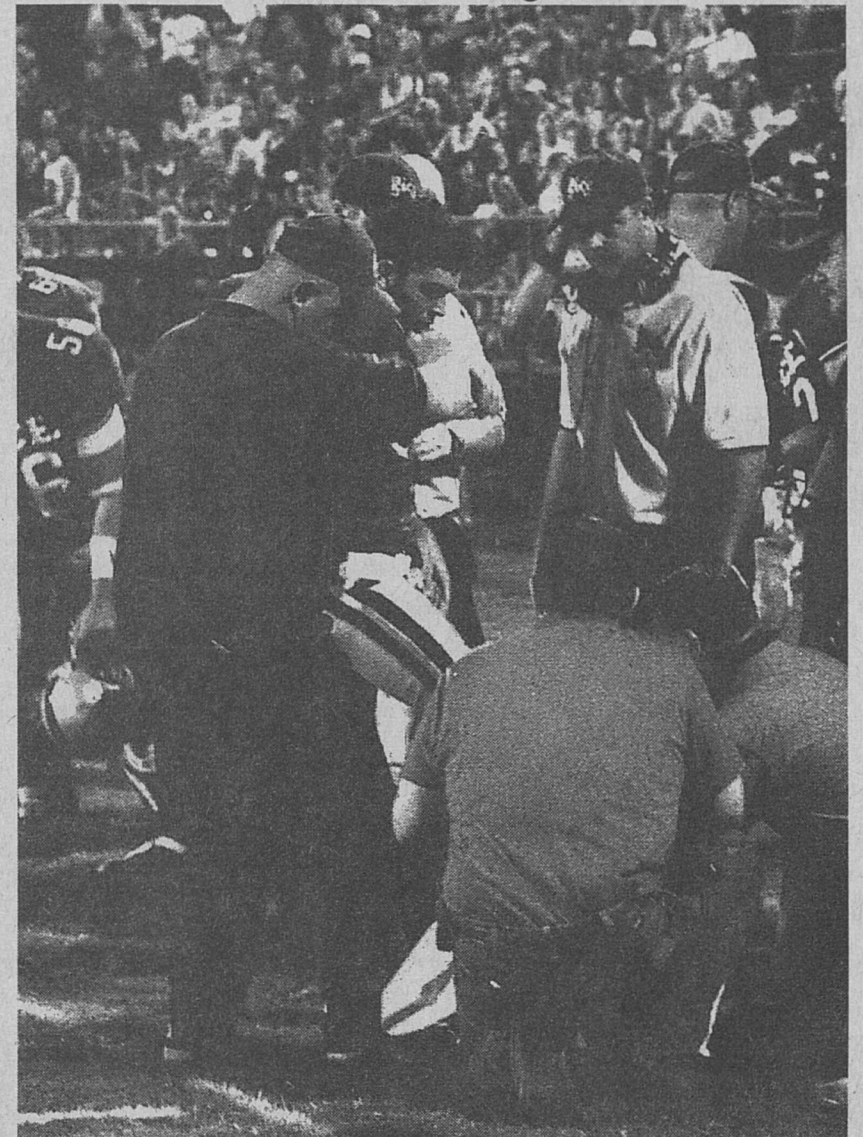
Jaylon Pettus got in the scoring action for the Raiders with a 23-yard TD run and Hill added the PAT to make

the score 14-0.

After the defense held the Cowboys at bay, the special teams came through again. Bryan Rodriguez slipped through a gap and blocked the punt which went through the back of the endzone, causing a safety and making the score 16-0.

Michael Morales added a quarterback sneak from two yards out to make the score 23-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Deshaune Fuller added a TD run from the two in the second quarter to make the score 30-0 at the half with the Raiders very much in control. (See JV, Page 8)



A concerned crowd watched as members of the Rice coaching staff and Dr. Ray Cantu checked out senior quarterback Steven Moore after a tackle that caught his leg underneath him. At first, it was the group thought his ankle was broken, but Dr. Cantu "popped" it back into place which possibly helped reduced the severity of the injury.

Tests done Saturday revealed he did have a break in the small bone in his upper ankle which was repaired with pins during a short surgical procedure. The good news is there were no tears in the cartilage, ligaments or tendons. The bad news is he has to wear a cast for up to six weeks, putting him "out for the season."

If the Raiders go far enough into the playoffs, he could be back for week 14 to serve as the holder for kicks, etc., said Coach Ryan Roark. "He's taking it okay, I guess... just very disappointed," Roark added.

'Art and Soul: A Celebration' is this Sunday

If art tells a story, can that story enhance our faith? The simple answer to that question is a resounding yes.

As art is an expression of creativity, it naturally points to He who has not only created all things but also made all things new. Artistic works can, therefore, open our eyes to new beauties, new thoughts and new ways of seeing God's influence in our lives.

Sunday, Nov. 2, the First Baptist Church (FBC) will display the "stories" of local artists and craftsmen in its hosting of "Art and Soul: A Celebration of Faith and Art" beginning at 3 p.m.

Approximately 35 to 40 community residents will display their work "gallery-style" and refreshments will be provided. The exhibits will highlight a wide spectrum of art including paintings, ceramics, sculptures, photography, quilts, metal arts and drama.

Jessica Thacker will present a dramatic reading and a drama group from Rice High School will present a scene from a comedy entitled *You Can't Beat the House*.

Special guests will be Jamie and Jeremy Wells, professional Galveston-based artists who are passionate about teaching art as a form of worship.

Jamie, a Houston native, received her BFA in Illustration from the Rhode Island School of Design. She currently serves as Visual Arts Pastor at Ecclesia. Originally from Los Angeles, Jeremy is a full-time artist and owner of *Imago Dei*, a mural and faux painting business. He and Jamie travel to various churches and events engaging others with their work as well as their vision.

As articulated on their website (www.artworship.org), it is "through the creative process of art, (that) praise and worship pour out onto the canvas just as hymns fill the air."

Many may remember the Wells from their previous visit to Eagle Lake in Feb. 2003. During a sermon, they painted a work, "Samuel," that currently hangs in the church sanctuary and is featured on the couple's website.

During Art and Soul, the Wells will share their experiences as well as demonstrate some of their painting techniques.

"Words will eventually run into certain limitations. Yet too often, we depend on words alone to make our expressions of faith. This is why we need art and creativity. A painting, poem or any other artistic medium can speak of

the human and divine in a way that cannot be fully expressed in words. For years, people of God have used their

creativity in acts of worship. We want to recognize and continue this rich tradition. (See Celebration, Page 2)

Rice CISD earns State's highest rating

Rice CISD officials recently announced that the district received a rating of "Superior Achievement" under Texas's new Schools FIRST (Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas) financial accountability rating system. The Superior Achievement rating is the state's highest, demonstrating the quality of Rice CISD's financial management and reporting system.

This is the first year of Schools FIRST, a financial accountability system for Texas school districts devel-

oped by the Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999. The primary goal of Schools FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of school districts' financial resources, a goal made more significant due to the complexity of accounting associated with Texas' school finance system.

The rating demonstrates that Rice CISD is making the most of taxpayer (See Rice, Page 9)

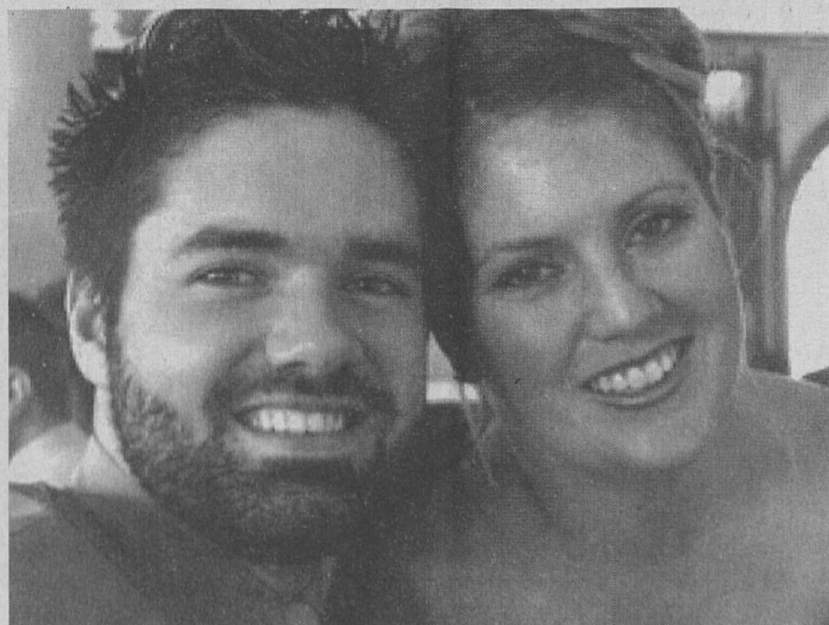
8th Annual Harvest Ball is a great success

The Rice Medical Center (RMC) Employee Volunteers sponsored the 8th Annual Harvest Ball at the Community Center in Eagle Lake Saturday, Oct. 18.

The honoree for 2003 was Fred R. Frnka, chosen for his generous contributions toward the enrichment of our

community.

The evening began with a social hour at 6 p.m. with Mr. and Mrs. Frnka and guests arriving to a red carpet reception. A Hollywood theme with "This Is Your Life Fred Frnka" was carried out throughout the Community (See Ball, Page 4)



Special guests Sunday will be Jeremy and Jamie Wells, professional Galveston-based artists.

City Council Oct. 28 meeting rescheduled

Due to an error in the posting of the agenda for the Oct. 28 meeting, the Eagle Lake City Council will meet Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Members of Council did meet Tuesday, Oct. 28, but no business was discussed other than the rescheduling date and time.

If you have any questions, please contact City Hall, 234-2640.