

Colorado County Courthouse Report

Twenty-One Indicted By Grand Jury

Twenty-one individuals were indicted by the Colorado County Grand Jury, meeting on Thursday, Nov. 16.

They included three people indicated for vandalism at Weimar High School and Junior High early on Oct. 6 in which a number of buildings and vehicles were damaged by spray painted graffiti.

The vandalism came on the morning of the Weimar-Schulenburg football game and some of the graffiti involved spray painting the name "Schulenburg" and the letter "S" on walls and vehicles.

Melissa J. Beyer, 34, of Schulenburg was indicted for felony criminal mischief involving the graffiti spray paint.

County Attorney Ken Sparks said part of the charge against Beyer is that she was involved in purchasing the paint and driving other individuals charged with the vandalism to Weimar.

Also indicted was Timothy Brown, 24, of Schulenburg and James C. Schindler, 17, of Schulenburg.

The range of punishment, if convicted, is six months to 24 months in state jail and a fine of up to \$10,000.

Three juveniles, ages 13, 15

and 16, have also been charged with vandalism, arising from the same incident.

School officials said damage totaled approximately \$8,900.

The arrests capped an intensive investigation.

Weimar Police Chief Bill Livingston said more than 20 people were interviewed in the investigation.

In a separate case, three persons from New Braunfels were indicted for "organized criminal activity, theft," involving a scheme to steal four vehicles from Columbus Country from Oct. 30 to Nov. 2.

The three were Earl Kessler IV, 21; Mark Mitchell Jr., 35; and Leslie Wycoff, 37. A fourth individual, Tony Valadez, was not indicted by the grand jury.

County Attorney Ken Sparks said the three were involved in a complex scheme to steal the vehicles, involving false representations made about availability of funds to pay for the vehicles.

Sparks said he understood the three had been charged with similar scams in other locations in the state.

If convicted, the three face possible prison sentences of five to 99 years or life and a \$10,000 fine.

Other indictments included: --David Castillo, 31, of Eagle

Lake for possession of a controlled substance, less than a gram of cocaine on Oct. 6.

--John W. Chernosky, 42, of Houston, felony DWI on Aug. 25.

--Carolyn Franks, 41, of Houston, and Travis Sledge, 43, of Houston, possession of a controlled substance testosterone, 28 to 200 grams on Sept. 13; the substance was discovered after a traffic stop.

--Aaron Joseph Frnka, 35, of Columbus, burglary of a building on Oct. 9.

--Robert Coker Glauser, 18, of Austin, possession of a controlled substance, hydrocodone on Oct. 23.

--Danny Gonzales, 17, of Columbus, possession of a controlled substance, less than a gram of cocaine on Oct. 29.

--Brandon Henry, 22, of Rock Island, failure to register as a sex offender on Oct. 5.

--Lowell Jefferson Hicks, 38, of East Bernard, evading detention, fleeing a police officer on July 4 and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon on June 27.

--Joe Charles Johnson Jr., of Sealy, 33, possession of a controlled substance, less than a gram of cocaine on Sept. 29.

--Buddy R. Kuykendall, 28, of Hereford, possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine on Oct. 4.

--Graylin C. Lowe, 49, of Garwood, possession of a controlled substance, less than a gram of cocaine on Sept. 24.

--Luis Enrique Masson, 43, of Sealy, delivery-possession of a controlled substance on June 6, four to 200 grams of methamphetamine.

--Stanley Rester, 25, of Columbus, possession of a controlled substance, between four and 200 grams of cocaine on Oct. 21.

--Joshua Lee Spangenberg, 24, of Sheridan, burglary of a habitation on Oct. 15.

Thirty-six People Sentenced In County Court

Thirty-six individuals were sentenced in Colorado County Court on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

They included:

--Elvin Y. Aparicio, fail to identify giving false information, 60 days jail.

--Lukas C. Berry, possession of marijuana, one year deferred adjudication, \$250 fine.

--Corey Levan Bishop, resisting arrest search or transport, 10 days jail.

--Essex K. Campbell, driving while license invalid, six months deferred adjudication, \$100 fine.

--Ives E. Carcamo, possession of marijuana, three days jail, \$250 fine.

--Roberto W. Garcia, theft of less than \$20,000, \$100 fine.

--Sergio P. Garcia, fleeing police officer, three days jail, \$350 fine.

--Ray J. Henderson, driving while license invalid, three days jail, \$350 fine.

--Gregory Hernandez, possession of marijuana, 15 days jail.

--Daquinjamen D. Jalloh, driving while license invalid with previous conviction, 17 days jail.

--Gregory S. Lee, unlawfully carrying weapon and possession of controlled substance; one year deferred adjudication, \$500 fine, \$140 restitution, forfeit weapon.

--Katrina L. Martin, possession of marijuana, 30 days jail.

--Andrea M. McDonald, driving while license invalid, six months

deferred adjudication, \$100 fine.

--Linda K. Miramontes, driving while intoxicated second conviction, two years probation, \$1,000 fine, 10 days jail as condition of probation, interlock device.

--Richard Scheck Jr., assault causes bodily injury, one year deferred adjudication, \$150 fine.

--Anthony W. Stolar, assault causing bodily injury, one year deferred adjudication, \$150 fine, attend anger management.

--Jesse W. Thomas, unlawfully caring weapon, 30 days jail.

--Balbino Toro Jr., assault causing bodily injury, 180 days jail.

--Marilyn L. Anton, possession of controlled substance, 30 days jail.

--Denise D. Barnes, driving while license invalid, three days jail, \$350 fine.

--Teresa D. Baskin, driving while license invalid, one year deferred adjudication, \$200 fine.

--Angela K. Bittner, driving while intoxicated, one year probation, \$500 fine, interlock device.

--Otis Blackwood, driving while license invalid, three days jail, \$350 fine.

--Bradley S. Emmons, driving while license invalid, three days jail, \$350 fine.

--Adrian C. Garcia, assault causes bodily injury to family member, six months jail.

--Elizabeth Lynn Lawson, driving while license invalid, six months deferred adjudication, \$350 fine.

--Kylee Lee Leonard, possession of marijuana, three days jail, \$350 fine.

--Betty G. Newberry, silent or abusive calls to 911 service, 10 days jail; driving while intoxicated, one year probation, \$500 fine.

--Zabrena Peroni, theft of less than \$1,500, one year probation, \$100 fine, \$1,292.77 restitution.

--Oscar A. Polanco, driving while license invalid, three days jail, \$350 fine.

--Anthony E. Rodriguez, driving while license invalid with previous conviction, three days jail, \$500 fine.

--Eric B. Rodriguez, driving while license invalid, three days jail, \$500 fine.

--Keith Allen Slye, possession of marijuana, three days jail, \$350 fine.

--Jack Douglas Snyder, possession of marijuana, one year deferred adjudication, \$250 fine, drug class.

--Jeffrey A. Thomas, reckless driving, one year deferred adjudication, \$750 fine; possession of marijuana, one year deferred adjudication, \$750 fine.

--Albert Cargill, driving while license invalid, three days jail, \$350 fine.

Three Civil Suits In District Court

Three civil suits were filed in Colorado County District Court in the past week.

On Nov. 20, Citibank, South Dakota, filed suit in a dispute with Donna K. Mills on a credit card account. The suit states that \$25,754 is in dispute.

On Nov. 20, NCO Portfolio Management Inc. filed suit in a dispute with Letty Ruvalcaba on an account; the suit states \$1,888 is in dispute.

On Nov. 20, a suit seeking an order for foreclosure was filed in a dispute with Nationwide Funding and Steve and Sandra Epps on payments for a house located in Alleyton. The suit states there is a default on payments under a Texas Home Equity Security instrument.

Divorces filed

Jason Karl Jones and Aneta Obalek Jones, Nov.16.

Gloria Toliver and Jay Toliver, Nov. 20.

Jessica Sims and Wilbert D. Sims Jr., Nov. 20.

Divorces granted

Jill C. Guzman and Johnny R. Guzman, Nov. 20.

Bryan Thompson Wiese and Tanya Lynn McQueen Wiese, Nov. 20.

John David Pulido and Josephine Pulido, Nov. 20.

Glenna Sides and Lois Wayne Sides, Nov. 20.

City Council Approves Fee Schedule

On Nov. 14 the Eagle Lake City Council voted to accept a schedule of fees for the coming year.

After discussion, it was decided to accept the fee schedule as proposed.

There was discussion of raising the pool fee from two to three dollars, but it was decided that the fee would remain the same.

Councilman Dave Curry said he felt that the pool is one of the few things the city has to offer kids in the summer and that it should be as accessible as possible.

It was also noted that while pool maintenance costs continue to rise, the money raised from pool admittance would never cover that cost either way.

Council also discussed the possibility of extending sewer service for Tony Garcia for use at his home and restaurant, Taco Tony's.

Council advised that it would cost far too much for the city to extend the sewer lines, but said that if he were willing to pay for the lines, they would allow him to tap into the sewer system at the

existing location near Brookshire Bros.

No action was taken on the matter.

Council also voted to appoint Clark Powers to another term on the Colorado County Central Appraisal District Board.

The committee formed to take a look at the matter updated council on cleanup of the city.

Councilwoman Jane Meldahl said that they are currently making a list of homes that would be targets for condemnation and eventually removed.

It was advised that the police department is working on getting rid of abandoned vehicles inside the city limits.

Meldahl also advised that they were working on contacting the appropriate people for getting the railroad right of way maintained.

She said that they are also taking a close look at drainage issues around the city and will continue to analyze the situation.

Council also discussed the contract with the fixed base operator (FBO) at the airport.

Some questions were raised as to whether the three hangars that the FBO is given control over were too many.

They also said that they would like to see a schedule of hours that the FBO must keep because they have heard some complaints that he is not always there when individuals need gas.

The item was not an action item, but council asked that the city try to negotiate the best contract with him, but to definitely include set hours of operation.

Council will have final approval over a contract.

Council also approved year-end bonuses for city employees.

The bonus will be \$50 for all employees that have been with the city for less than a year.

All other employees will receive 10% of one month's salary.

RCISD Board

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Trustees heard a report from Lanier that all teachers will be submitting lesson plans to his office electronically on a weekly basis to ensure that all sections of a class are covering topics at the same pace.

He said that this would help ensure that if a certain class is getting behind, they will be able to more quickly remedy the situation.

Trustees also heard a report on their financial audit and learned that the school's financial reporting is very solid. They were also advised that the fund balance stands at about \$8.2 million, which is very strong.

The board also got a report on area tax rates and learned that out of 13 area districts, Rice has the second lowest rate at \$1.37034. The rate in Weimar is \$1.45740, Columbus is \$1.49570, Sealy \$1.48360, Schulenburg \$1.48960.

The board passed a motion supporting the ongoing study for LCRA/SAWS water project. They noted that this resolution only supports the study, not the project itself. They said that after the study is complete (in several years), then a decision could be made whether or not to support the project.

NEWSBRIEFS

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Schools to dismiss early Dec. 6

Eagle Lake Junior High School, Eagle Lake Elementary School, Sheridan School, and Garwood School will dismiss early Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 12:30 p.m. for UIL. Rice High School WILL NOT dismiss early on that day.

NHS sets BBQ dinner for Dec. 7

The National Honor Society will host a barbecue chicken fundraiser December 7. Austin's BBQ will cater the event. Tickets are \$7 each. Call 361-772-3682 or 234-3443 for tickets.

Colorado County Deed Records

Royalty Deed, Elizabeth McMa-han Tolbert Revocable Trust to EMT LLC, tract out of R.H. Tobin survey, filed Oct. 5.

Gift Deed, Judy and William Es-tlinbaum to Henry Rodriguez, lots 4-7 block 45 Town of Sheridan, filed Oct. 2.

Memorandum of Oil and Gas, June W. Gillman to Ascent Operating LP, 315.5 acres Columbus Tap RR survey, filed Oct. 5.

Partition Deed, David William Gunn to William Shaw Jr. and others, 72.698 acres H. Austin survey, filed Oct. 2.

General Warranty Deed, David William Gunn to Larry Seydler, 109.047 acres Henry Austin survey, filed Oct. 2.

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Gift Deed, Eugene J. Herzik to Joseph D. Herzik and others, two tracts James Cummins League, filed Oct. 4.

Gift Deed, Virginia Herzik to Joseph D. Herzik and others, two tracts James Cummins survey, filed Oct. 4.

General Warranty Deed, Bobbie J. and William C. Hill to B&B Weimer Properties LLC, var. tracts B.G. Ijams survey, filed Oct. 2.

Warranty Deed with Vendors Lien, Larry Paul and Rochelle Myers Hoelscher to Shyra L. Cline and other, lots 2 & 3 block 57 City of Columbus, filed Oct. 2.

General Warranty Deed, Son Huynh to Heather T. Dang, 10.007 acres M.A. Posey survey, filed Oct. 2.

Warranty Deed, Mark A. Janda to Rita and Rudolfo Santos, lot 6 block 26 City of Weimar, filed Oct. 2.

Warranty Deed with Vendors Lien, Mark A. and Susan Janda to First National Bank of Shiner and other, tract out of block 66 City of Weimar, filed Oct. 2.

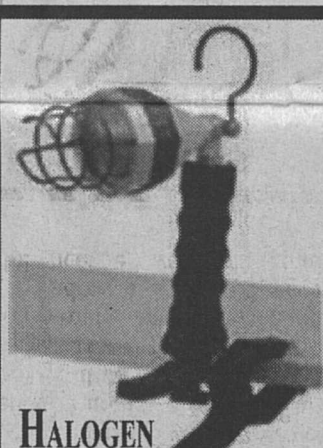
Warranty Deed, Susan A. Janda to Rita and Rudolfo Santos, lot 6 block 26 City of Weimar, filed Oct. 2.

Correction:

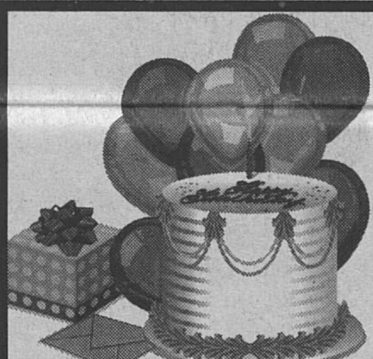
The advertisement in last week's Headlight from Deborah Herring thanking voters should have contained information that the ad was paid for by the D. Herring campaign, LJ Herring, Treasurer.



222 E. Main St.
Eagle Lake
Simple Simon's will close on Oct. 31, 2006 for remodeling.
Watch for Grand Opening Specials.
Thank You for Your Patronage.
Taking Applications (available at Headlight next door if no one is in)



HALOGEN
35 watt
8.99
CLAMP LAMP
AL&M Best
Sealy 979-885-2948
Columbus 979-732-2323



Happy Birthday
Gustavo
Saturday, Nov. 25
Love,
Lucy

OFFICIAL VEHICLE INSPECTION STATION
FJP
6056 HWY. 90A
EAGLE LAKE, TEXAS 77434
979-234-2365
(NEXT TO JOHN DEERE)

RICE CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT				
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES				
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS				
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2006				
Data Control Codes	10		98	
	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds	
REVENUES:				
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 7,544,304	\$ 856,117	\$ 8,400,421	
5800 State Program Revenues	3,248,865	373,109	3,621,974	
5900 Federal Program Revenues	238,896	2,266,707	2,505,603	
5020 Total Revenues	11,032,065	3,495,933	14,527,998	
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	5,565,630	1,856,397	7,422,027	
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	81,997	55,952	137,949	
0013 Curriculum and Staff Development	45,873	52,641	98,514	
0021 Instructional Leadership	18,507	139,498	158,005	
0023 School Leadership	802,873	4,630	807,503	
0031 Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services	242,385	268,882	511,267	
0032 Social Work Services	400	-	400	
0033 Health Services	94,771	1,016	95,787	
0034 Student Transportation	450,072	5,082	455,154	
0035 Food Service	15,519	660,703	676,222	
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	456,680	1,480	458,160	
0041 General Administration	700,861	2,381	703,242	
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	1,385,026	50,979	1,436,005	
0061 Community Services	20,453	3,989	24,442	
0071 Principal on Long-term Debt	-	325,000	325,000	
0072 Interest on Long-term Debt	-	45,650	45,650	
0073 Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	-	375	375	
0081 Capital Outlay	30,000	51,785	81,785	
0093 Payments to Shared Service Arrangements	196,843	25,308	222,151	
6030 Total Expenditures	10,107,890	3,551,728	13,659,618	
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)				
1100 Expenditures	924,175	(55,795)	868,380	
Other Financing Sources and (Uses):				
7915 Transfers In	-	11,000	11,000	
8911 Transfers Out	(11,000)	-	(11,000)	
7080 Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	(11,000)	11,000	-	
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	913,175	(44,795)	868,380	
0100 Fund Balances - Beginning	7,248,113	1,317,019	8,565,132	
1300 Prior Period Adjustment	71,987	(86,562)	(14,575)	
Fund Balances - Beginning, as Restated	7,320,100	1,230,457	8,550,557	
3000 Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 8,233,275	\$ 1,185,662	\$ 9,418,937	