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for higher education. For more information, unaffiliated members please call Helen Craig at 979-234-2807.

Relay For Life

Everyone is excited about the upcoming Colorado County Relay For Life 2007 to be held this year at the Weimar Worldcat football stadium/track April 20-21. It is not too late to organize a team to participate in this worthy fundraising event to benefit cancer research. If interested in forming a team, you may contact Valerie Harmon in Weimar at 979-725-8912 or Robin Maertz in Columbus. Team captain meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in Columbus on the following dates: March 12 and 26, April 2, 9 and 16. See you there!!

CCHC to hold meeting March 15

Colorado County Historical Commission (CCHC) will meet March 15, at 7 p.m. at the Diamond Center, St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church Church Lane in Frelsburg. The program will be given by Charlene Rysdale, "Researching & Writing a Historical Story/Book" (her books will be available for purchasing). Hosts will be Ed and Jean Ellis, Janice Houghton, Larry Uhlig, Carolyn Hastedt and Ken Stavinoha.

CPR classes begin March 15

South Texas CPR Associates will be conducting CPR classes Thursday, March 15 starting at 5 p.m. If interested call Belinda Richter by email at bnikel@yahoo.com or by phone at 361-772-0495 for details.

Co-ed softball registration underway

Co-ed softball registration will be held through March 18. For more information call 281-989-2555.

RMC golf classic to be held March 31

The Rice Medical Foundation and Rice Medical Center (RMC) Employee Volunteers will hold their 10th annual RMC Classic 4-Player Scramble golf tournament Saturday, March 31. Shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places along with closest to the hole and longest drive. The RMC classic is also offering a \$5,000 hole in one on hole #7. Entry fee is \$200 team (\$50/player) and includes a fajita meal, drink tickets and gift bag. The RMC classic also has sponsorship available if you or your company is interested. For more information contact Betty or Joe Lee at 979-234-5571.

Pre-K Registration on going in Sheridan

Sheridan Elementary and Jr. High School is accepting applications for the Pre-Kindergarten class for the 2007-2008 school year. Qualified applicants will be accepted based on Texas Education Agency and RICE C.I.S.D. guidelines. Applications are available in the school office, return the application with a copy of shot record, birth certificate, and social security card by April 2, 2007. These documents are required by Texas Education Agency, if you don't have copies you must obtain duplicates. All applicants must be 4 yrs. old by Sept. 1, 2007 and reside within the Sheridan School attendance zone. You will be notified of acceptance or denial. If you live out of the Rice C.I.S.D. you must apply for an Out-Of-District transfer by May 1, 2007. The Rice School Board will approve or deny transfers. Call the school office if you have questions, 979-234-7334.

Kindergarten registration underway

Sheridan Elementary and Jr. High School is registering students for the 2007-2008 Kindergarten class. Registration forms are available in the school office. Return the forms with a copy of Shot Record, Social Security Card and Birth Certificate. These documents are required by Texas Education Agency, if you don't have copies you must obtain duplicates. Students must be 5 yrs. old as of Sept. 1, 2007 and live in the Sheridan School attendance zone. If you live out of the Rice C.I.S.D. you must apply for an Out-Of-District transfer by May 1, 2007. The Rice School Board will approve or deny transfers. The Kindergarten teacher will assign a date for you and your child to visit her classroom, she will notify you by mail. Call the office if you have questions, 979-234-7334.

Rep. Cook Discusses Legislature

This week, State Rep. Robby Cook of Eagle Lake joined a bipartisan effort to pass Senate Joint Resolution 13, a constitutional amendment that will extend the tax cuts passed last year to include seniors and disabled persons.

"The last thing seniors should have to worry about are their property taxes. This constitutional amendment guarantees them the same property tax cut that everyone else in Texas will receive.

"This was an overdue piece of legislation and I'm glad I could have a hand in helping pass it," Cook said.

Cook also supported amendments to SJR 13 that would have provided further middle class tax relief, raised teacher pay to the national average, and funded the state's textbook program.

All three failed on close votes.

In the HPV Immunization debate, Cook has joined Dennis Bonnen (R-Angleton) in authoring HB 1098 which would rescind Governor Perry's executive order mandating an immunization against human papilloma virus as a condition for admission to public school.

"Families deserve the right to decide for themselves whether their daughters should be vaccinated against a risk-based disease. I believe strongly in doing what we can to protect public health in Texas, but I draw the line where we start taking choices out of parents' hands," the representative said.

Cook has also co-authored the bipartisan HB 6. This piece of legislation will allocate the existing sporting goods sales tax to fund state and local parks.

"Our parks are beautiful places that are vitally important to our local economy. We should be treating them as resources

rather than starving them of the small amount of funds they need to survive. It is one of my most urgent priorities that they get the funding that they deserve,"

he said. Rep. Cook serves on Judiciary and Land and Resource Management Committees. He also serves as Chair of the Rural Caucus.

Rice School Board

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save as much of that money as possible.

He said that the district generates about \$500,000 in revenue from the nearly \$8 million fund balance. He said that the amount in the fund balance is what has allowed Rice to keep its tax rate relatively low in recent years.

Board members expressed that they felt combining the junior high students on one campus would provide for better opportunities both educationally and athletically, though they said their main concern is the academics.

One example they gave of potential educational improvements is that a certified math teacher from the high school could be used to teach eighth grade pre-algebra. Currently that is difficult to do because of distances and money. Lanier said that right now the district has one certified math teacher at the eighth grade level and two teachers that are generalists. In theory, with all eighth graders on one campus, a certified math teacher could teach them all.

"I personally feel that keeping things as they are now limits the possibilities for the future," said Lanier.

"I want to see a better education for the kids and I think that

would be accomplished best with a facility here [in Altair]," said Board President Betty Schiuring.

"Parents have indicated to me that they desire a better education for their children," she added.

Lanier indicated that if the board calls an election for May and it fails, that they would have to try again in November because the issues at Eagle Lake Elementary could not wait. He indicated that if that occurs the board may have to consider simply rebuilding the classrooms in Eagle Lake and abandoning any plans for consolidation of junior high students, or building new facilities in Altair for just the Eagle Lake Junior High students.

Lanier indicated that a bond election would still be necessary to reconstruct parts of the elementary school and that the costs would continue to go up due to construction cost inflation.

He indicated that if the district is not able to raise the funds for construction in the near future that they may have to consider portable buildings to replace the classrooms in Eagle Lake.

"That would be a horrible waste of the district's money," said Lanier.

County Commissioners

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time to study the ordinance. Commissioners were told this is one of the few areas where counties have ordinance making powers.

Commissioners also tabled for more study, a proposed change in the price of making street signs and house signs in the rural areas that have the 9-1-1 addresses.

Jamison said there are restrictions on what the county can charge because it is a non-profit agency.

Commissioners also approved a request for names on three private roads in the Thousand Trails RV Park. They include: Platinum Circle, Bobcat Circle and Antler Circle.

-Approved advertising for road materials.

-Heard from Rosie Zamora, president of Houston Wilderness. She said her group is made of business and environment groups that are interested in understanding, appreciating and preserving the ecological diversity in a 24-county area around Houston, including Colorado County.

She said the group is about three years old and has recently

published a book about the area.

Zamora said the group is interested in economic development and promoting eco-tourism.

Texas House Honors Thomas

Thursday, February 22, 2007 the Texas House of Representatives passed a resolution honoring Malcom "Mike" Thomas, Sr. of Eagle Lake.

Rep. Robby Cook sponsored HR 175 memorializing Malcom's life. "What a tragedy for our community. Malcom was an outstanding husband, father and friend of this community and he will be greatly missed," said Rep. Cook.

EAGLE LAKE WEATHER REPORT

Information Courtesy of Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Experiment Station, Eagle Lake

Date	Temp (H/L)	Rainfall (in.)
Mon. 2-19-07	71/44	0.00
Tue. 2-20-07	73/59	0.16
Wed. 2-21-07	82/55	0.01
Thu. 2-22-07	80/57	0.00
Fri. 2-23-07	70/60	0.02
Sat. 2-24-07	80/43	0.00
Sun. 2-25-07	71/45	0.00

Booster Club Looking For Spring Volunteers

Rice Booster Club Needs Your Help!!

The Rice Booster Club would like to announce the many upcoming athletic spring events being held at Rice High School: Varsity baseball tournament - March 1 - 3; Junior high track meet - March 22; and Varsity track meet - March 31.

These spring events provide much fundraising action for the booster club, including the funding of scholarships for athletes. With the large number of teams expected for each event, MUCH help will be needed in running the

event and providing concession stand workers. Any junior high, high school student, or adult who can spare a few hours to assist at any of the listed events will be greatly welcomed. High school athletes and parents/sponsors are reminded that service at booster club events helps to satisfy the required working hours for scholarship qualification. Athlete and parent/sponsor need eight hours each per school year.

If you can help out at any of the listed events, please call Madison Smith (Booster Club President) at 758-3868 or Coach Dumont at 234-6343 to sign up for a shift.

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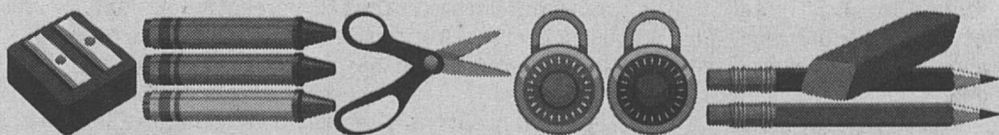
Breakfast Specials: Mon.-Fri., 8 to 11:30 a.m.

Lunch and Dinner Specials
Mon.-Fri. Beginning at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Buffet Tuesdays and Thursdays
11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Hours:
Mon.-Thurs.: 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.
Fri. and Sat.: 8 a.m. to 9:15 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Sheridan School



Providing opportunities for all students!

It is the intent of the Rice CISD administration, school board, and employees of the district to provide a multitude of opportunities to each of our students. This week we are focusing on the Sheridan School and the programs offered there to improve the academic growth of our students. We hope this information is useful to parents, guardians, community members, and taxpayers to better understand the activities of the Sheridan School.

- On Tuesday & Thursday 4th & 5th grade students have Homework House from 3:15pm until 5:00pm. Transportation is provided.

- Every morning 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students are able to come to school at 7:15am for extra help with math. These same students are also able to come in for help after school until 5:00pm on Monday thru Thursday.

- We have a period set up for 5th grade students to get extra help in math and reading.

- The 2nd grade has a peer tutor to help students with reading.

- We have a retired teacher that comes in 2 days a week to help students in grades K-7 in math and reading.

If you would like more information about these programs or any other information about the Sheridan School please feel free to contact Larry Varley, Bill Hefner, or Michael Lanier at 979-234-3531. We hope this information is valuable to all community members, parents, and that more students will take advantage of these programs and offerings.

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