

News From Rice School District Sheridan School

Larry Varley, Principal
As we look back over the past year, we find it hard to believe at how quickly it has passed! We began the school year with 124 students.

Enrollment is now at 133. We have accomplished many things this year. Our Perfect Attendance Record includes 14 days with 28 students achieving All Year Perfect Attendance as of April 20. In addition, there have been 25 days of school where only one absence was recorded per day.

Twenty-three of our students have made All Year Honor Roll as of the fifth six weeks. All in all, attendance and student achievement has been high.

A new project at Sheridan School is a pilot program sponsored by Colorado County Youth and Family Services.

Fourth and fifth graders attended after-school instruction resulting in marked improvement in social studies and science classes. Known as "The Homework Club", the after-school program encompassed test review, homework, enrichment activities, healthy snacks, and physical activities.

As usual, the Sheridan School Student Council has been very active. A Hamburger Supper was prepared and served during Fall Open House and for Spring Open House the student council held a Lasagna Supper.

Both meals had a large turn

out with tremendous support by the community. Sheridan teachers and staff were served Appreciation Breakfasts and a Luncheon by council members. Support Staff was honored with a special luncheon, too.

Community service projects and scholarship fund raising efforts held by the student council have been phenomenal. The Annual School Christmas Food Drive spearheaded by the student council saw a record-breaking one ton of groceries donated to charity! Student Council collected \$172 in donations for Colorado County Protective Services.

Ten \$500 scholarships will be awarded by the Student Council to graduating high school senior who were former Sheridan graduates.

The Sheridan PTS Organization also proved to be very active, continuing in its mission to support the students and teachers and endow campus improvement through its many fund raising efforts.

The Annual Halloween Carnival was a huge success and garnered proceeds which directly benefited students, teachers, and the school campus. Their most recent contribution was a beautification project where several large trees were planted in the playground area and in front of the school.

The latter part of the spring semester has found our campus abuzz with classroom projects. Kindergarten class completed an Earth Day project - understanding the importance of recycling. First grade studied moon phases in science combining art techniques to create dramatic renditions of the phases.

Second graders have displayed life-size silhouettes in the hallways depicting major organs of the human body. Third graders have been studying the life of an ant and the story 2 Bad Ants by Chris Van Allsburg has sparked an interest in ant farms and body parts of an ant. Students will capture ants to view under a microscope and learn about different types of ants.

Fourth grade read "Where the Red Fern Grows". The fifth grade's educational Farm Safety field trip brought back many lessons on ways to keep safe and on the personnel who keep us safe. Six grade technology students have strengthened their accuracy and keyboarding speed using new technology upgrade programs.

Seventh and eighth graders are involved in The Holocaust Reading Project, learning about a time in history which will, hopefully, never be repeated. The junior high Fine Arts class put on a springtime production of "Big Foot's Revenge".

The play was performed for the public who delighted in the students' ingenious stage set and blossoming acting careers!

We are proud of our students' individual achievements as well. UIL competition held during the Fall Semester saw several students place in the many events. One fifth grader succeeded in claiming First Place in the Ready Writing event.

In the Colorado County Soil and Water Conservation Essay and Coloring Contests held this spring, Sheridan students claimed top spots in all three writing Divisions. A fifth grader student took First Place in Division I (grades 3-5) and an eighth grader tied for First Place in Division III, beating out students at the high school level.

A Sheridan elementary student placed first in the coloring contest.

Since my return as principal four years ago, I have had to replace only one teacher due to a reassignment of that teacher within the district.

It is the goal of Sheridan School and my dedication to that ideal to see students improve, excel, and accomplish.

With the support of community, parents, and students we will continue to fulfill our mission statement: "S.M.A.R.T. - Students Moving Ahead to Reach the Top".

Gedenke May 12

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--Miss Weimar Pageant - Michele Vacek and Mindy Ramirez.
--Fun Run - Allison Charanza.

--Parade - David McCoskey.
--Antique tractor Display - Craig Rainosek.

--Pie Baking Contest - Rita Herzik and Marlys Barton.
Chair of this year's Gedenke! is Bruce Beal and Amy Brandt is secretary.

Following is a working schedule of events:

7:30 a.m. - Fun Run, Pie Contest drop off.

9 a.m. - Registration for the Classic Car Show begins.

10 a.m. - Washer Pitching

Noon - Booths open, Antique

Tractor Display

2 p.m. - Parade

3 p.m. to 6 p.m. - Chris Rybak performs at the Gazebo.

3 p.m. - Rotary Silent Auction begins.

4 p.m. - Crawfish Boil and Classic Car Show Judging.

4 p.m. to 7 p.m. - Fire truck rides.

4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. - Turtle races.

4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - DJ Johnny Loco performs at the pavilion.

6 p.m. - Pie Auction.

8 p.m. - Silent Auction ends.

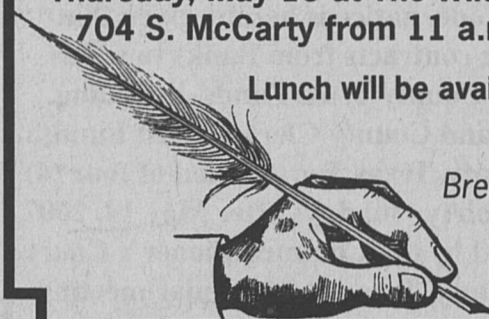
8:30 p.m. - Telstars perform at the pavilion.

All Day - BBQ Cookoff.

Your Invited...

To A Book Signing with Brenda Shirley, author of "Plowing A Crooked Row" Thursday, May 10 at The Wild Goose Chase 704 S. McCarty from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lunch will be available.



Brenda is the former juvenile facility administrator

"Art" - A Comedy
1886 Stafford Opera House
Dinner Theatre

425 Spring Street in Columbus

Saturday, May 19

Social Hour 5:00 p.m.

Dinner 6:00 p.m. -

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Colorado County Sheriff's Report

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east of Hattermann Lane. The vehicle displayed two different license plates and the vehicle itself was reported stolen out of Houston. The vehicle was removed by Bob's Towing and the registered owner was contacted. Case will be referred to the Houston Police Department for further investigation.

At 8:27 pm, Sgt. Edman responded to CR 152 near Columbus in reference to a family disturbance. After further investigation, Rodrigo Martinez Jr., 22 of Columbus, was arrested for Family Violence Assault. Case closed.

Monday, April 2

At 9:03 am, Deputy Mieth initiated a traffic stop on IH-10 near the 695 mile marker. After further investigation, Jose Gasper Serrano, 21 of Cleveland, was arrested for Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and No Driver's License. Case closed.

At 1 pm, Lt. Neisner met with a complainant at the Sheriff's Office about a farm tractor that was stolen from CR 104 near Columbus. The tractor was later recovered in Sealy and the case was submitted to the Colorado County Attorney's Office for Grand Jury presentation.

At 6:20 pm, Deputy Slubar responded to CR 104 near Weimar in reference to a missing cow. The complainant later found the cow. A report was filed and the case is closed.

At 8 pm, Deputy Thumann responded to Lakeside Drive near Eagle Lake in reference to a self inflicted gunshot wound. After further investigation, the incident was determined to be accidental. Case closed.

Tuesday, April 3

At 9:30 am, Deputy Argo responded to the Rice High School AEP in reference to a disturbance in the classroom. After further investigation, one student was issued a citation for Disruption of Classes. Case closed.

At 11:30 am, Deputy Cranek responded to a residence on Cat Spring Road in reference to a possible rabid skunk, which had been shot by the property owner. The skunk was transported to the Weimar Veterinary Clinic and tested positive for rabies. The property owner was notified and the Texas Department of Health will be conducting further investigation.

Wednesday, April 4

At 9 am, Deputy Argo responded to the Rice High School parking lot in reference to a former student causing problems at a track meet. The former student was located and issued a Criminal Trespass Warning. Case closed.

At 9:30 am, Deputy Pflughaupt met with a complainant at the Sheriff's Office about a possible Theft in Glidden. After further investigation, the incident was determined to be a civil matter and one subject was issued a Criminal Trespass Warning. Case closed.

At 2:20 pm, Deputy Argo responded to Rice High School in reference to a student with cigarettes. After further investigation,

one student was issued a citation for Minor in Possession of Tobacco Product. Case closed.

At 2:22 pm, Deputy Pflughaupt initiated a traffic stop on Hwy 71 at Koehl Road. After further investigation, Francisco Aguilar, 47 of Katy, was arrested for Driving While License Invalid. Case closed.

Thursday, April 5

At 12:30 am, Deputy Staff responded to CR 2103 and CR 230 in reference to a Theft of a road sign. An investigation was conducted and possible suspect(s) are being evaluated. Case is pending further action.

At 2:05 am, Deputy Staff responded to Hwy 71 near Shaws Bend Road in reference to a vehicle stuck in the ditch. After further investigation, the driver, Kamalakar Pulkuri, 23 of Houston, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. Case closed.

At 12:30 pm, Deputy Argo responded to Rice High School in reference to a stolen cell phone from the boy's locker room. Case is under investigation.

At 2:30 pm, Deputy Hudson responded to Alleyton in reference to a broken car window. A report was filed and the case is closed unless further information becomes available.

At 8:50 pm, Deputy Staff responded to a residence in Eagle Lake in reference to an incident that occurred at Rice High School. On arrival, it was determined that a wallet and I-pod were stolen from a gym locker. Case is under investigation.

At 11:20 pm, Sgt. Girndt responded to Hwy 90A in Sheridan in reference to a Theft of a road sign. An investigation was conducted and possible suspect(s) were developed. Case is pending further action.

Friday, April 6

At 10 am, Deputy Pflughaupt responded to Brushy Road in reference to fence damage. The subject responsible for the fence damage was later identified and the situation was resolved. Case closed.

At 6:46 pm, Deputy Staff responded to a residence on 10th Street in Glidden in reference to excessive trash piled within 300 feet of a public street. The person in charge of the property was located and issued a Public Nuisance Warning. Case is pending follow up in 30 days to ensure compliance.

At 7:55 pm, Deputy Staff responded to a residence on Canal Street in Alleyton in reference to excessive trash piled within 300 feet of a public street. The property owner was located and issued a Public Nuisance Warning. Case is pending follow up in 30 days to ensure compliance.

At 8:10 pm, Deputy Staff responded to the Nada Hall in reference to a Reckless Driver and property damage. On arrival, the suspect was identified as a Juvenile from El Campo. After further investigation, the Juvenile's parent was notified of the incident and agreed to take responsibility to repair the dam-

age. Case closed.

Saturday, April 7

At 4:59 am, Deputy Staff checked a vehicle at Beason's Park on Hwy 90 east of Columbus. During the investigation, two Juveniles were issued citations for Minor in Possession of an Alcoholic Beverage and released to their parents. After the investigation, one Juvenile was detained for Possession of Marijuana. Case will be closed and referred to the Juvenile Probation Department.

At 9:30 pm, Deputy Hoffer responded to Schulenburg Lane west of Columbus in reference to a family disturbance. After further investigation, both parties involved in the disturbance were issued citations for Family Violence Assault by Contact. A report was filed and the case will be handled in Justice Court.

Sunday, April 8

At 2:27 am, Deputy Staff was checking the Farmer's Coop on Lions Park Drive in Garwood and observed a vehicle bumper and license plate lying on the ground with property damage to the building. After further investigation, the suspect was identified and the case is pending further investigation and charges.

At 9:45 pm, Deputy Thumann responded to the Colorado Fayette Medical Center in reference to an Assault that occurred at a residence on IH-10 near Weimar. After further investigation, Rolando Rodriguez, 17 of Weimar, was arrested for Family Violence Assault. Case closed.

Monday, April 9

At 10:47 am, Lt. Neisner met with a complainant from Sheridan at the Sheriff's Office in reference to Fraudulent Use or Possession of Identifying Information. There is one suspect and the case is pending further investigation.

Tuesday, April 10

At 11:34 pm, Lt. Neisner met with a complainant from Glidden in reference to a Theft. The complainant reported a missing weed eater. The weed eater was entered into the state and national database as stolen. Case is pending further investigation.

Wednesday, April 11

At 8:05 am, Deputy Savino stopped at the Alleyton Shell Station and was handed a purse that had been left behind by a customer. The owner of the purse was tracked down and returned. Case closed.

At 9:36 am, Deputy Mieth responded to FM 109 in reference to an unwanted subject on the complainant's property. After further investigation, the incident was determined to be a civil matter. A report was filed and the case is closed.

At 3:23 pm, Deputy Mieth initiated a traffic stop on IH-10 near the 682 mile marker. After further investigation, Leslie A Latham, 27 of San Antonio, was arrested for Driving While License Invalid. Case closed.

At 9:16 pm, Deputy Slubar responded to a residence on CR 2103 in reference to a Hoax bomb that exploded in someone's yard. Upon arrival the components

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