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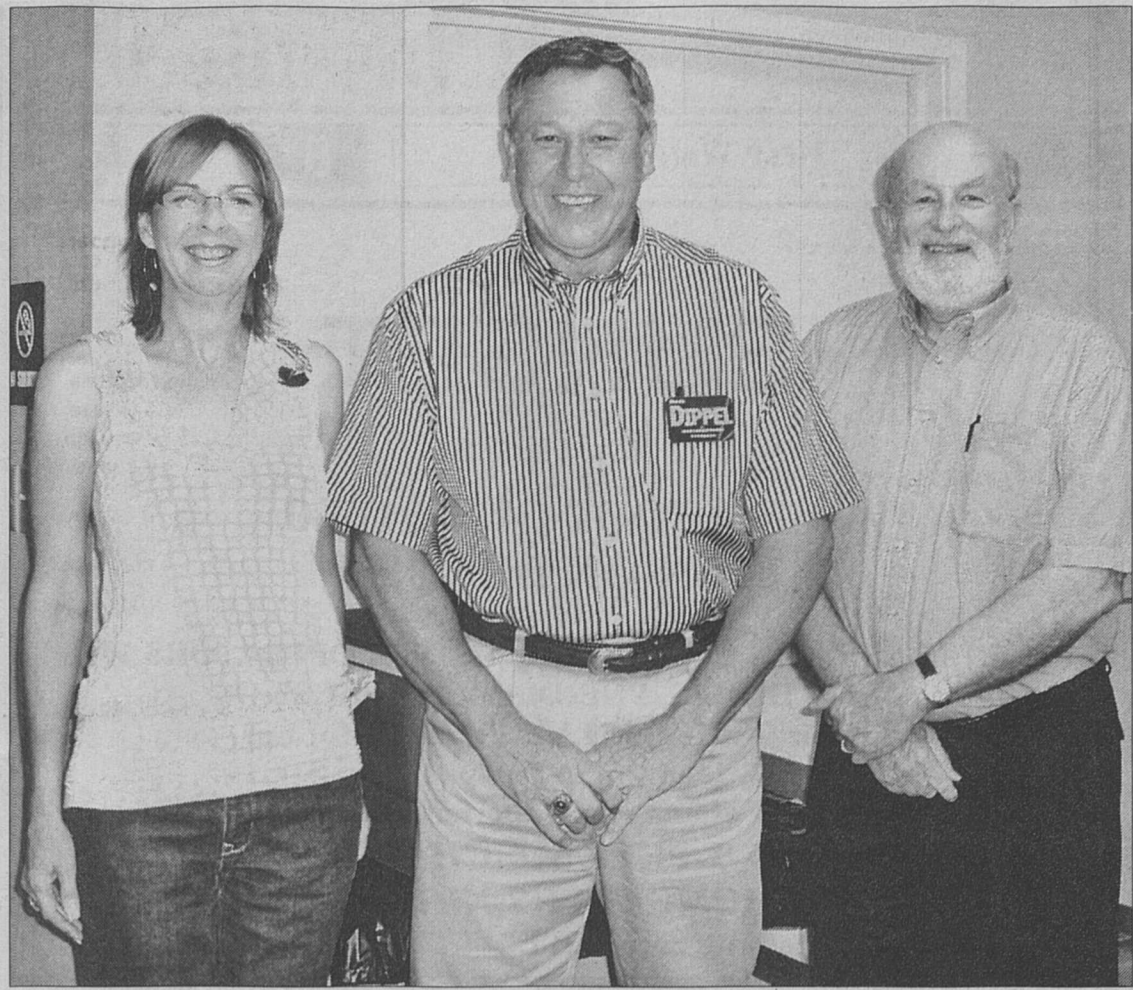
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The Colorado County Democratic Party was privileged to have Donnie Dippel, candidate for State Representative District 17 speak at their July 26 meeting. Pictured are Susan Havelka, candidate Donnie Dippel of La Grange, and Mark Warner.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 pm on August 25, 2008 in the Board Room of the Administration Bldg/

Allair, Texas

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Maintenance Tax          | \$ 1.04000 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations) |
| School Debt Service Tax  |  |
| Approved by Local Voters | \$ 0.24542 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)     |

### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

|                            |                    |    |                      |
|----------------------------|--------------------|----|----------------------|
| Maintenance and operations | % increase         | or | 0.30000 % (decrease) |
| Debt service               | 0.40000 % increase | or | % (decrease)         |
| Total expenditures         | % increase         | or | 0.20000 % (decrease) |

### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

|  | Preceding Tax Year | Current Tax Year  |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| Total appraised value* of all property   | \$ 652,583,211.00  | \$ 675,632,407.00 |
| Total appraised value* of new property** | \$ 5,260,740.00    | \$ 5,624,620.00   |
| Total taxable value*** of all property   | \$ 591,502,947.00  | \$ 611,569,674.00 |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$ 4,989,910.00    | \$ 5,486,583.00   |

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.  
\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 17,000,000.00

\* Outstanding principal.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

|  | Maintenance & Operations | Interest & Sinking Fund* | Total      | Local Revenue Per Student | State Revenue Per Student |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Last Year's Rate   | \$ 1.04000               | \$ 0.25800 *             | \$ 1.29800 | \$ 6,452.00               | \$ 4,123.00               |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | \$ 1.07564               | \$ 0.24542 *             | \$ 1.32106 | \$ 6,617.00               | \$ 3,980.00               |
| Proposed Rate  | \$ 1.04000               | \$ 0.24542 *             | \$ 1.28542 | \$ 6,596.00               | \$ 4,066.00               |

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

|   | Last Year    | This Year    |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Average Market Value of Residences                    | \$ 54,479.00 | \$ 58,913.00 |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences                   | \$ 40,053.00 | \$ 44,090.00 |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$ 1.29800   | \$ 1.28542   |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence                        | \$ 519.89    | \$ 566.74    |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes                          |              | \$ 46.85     |

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.28542. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.28542.

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) | \$ 5,223,171.00 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)         | \$ 250,000.00   |

## NEWSBRIEFS

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### Garwood Lions hamburger supper is Aug. 20

The Garwood Lions Club will hold their Hamburger Supper on Wednesday, August 20 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Garwood Fire Station. Feel free to stay and eat at the station or you can get it to go. They thank you in advance for your support.

### PTO HB supper

The Eagle Lake Elementary School PTO will hold a brown bag hamburger supper on Thursday, August 21 at 5:30 p.m. in conjunction with Meet the Teacher Night. Tickets are \$5 each. Tickets are available and First National Bank and at Wallis State Bank in Eagle Lake. All proceeds benefit the Eagle Lake Elementary School PTO.

### Democratic party to meet Aug. 21

The Colorado County Democratic Party will meet Thursday, August 21 at 7 p.m. at The Mansfield Building 930 Travis in Columbus. For more information you may contact Susan Havelka at 979-732-9048.

### Major show lamb and goat tags

Time is fast approaching for 4-Her's and FFA members to make the decision on how many ear tags they will need for the 2009 Texas 4-H/FFA Lamb Validation and Texas 4-H/FFA Goat Validation Programs for the major shows. The tags will cost \$9 each. 4-H members need to turn their orders to the Extension Office by August 29. FFA members should check with their advisor for their deadline. Tags must be paid for at the time you place your order.

### Fair catalogs now available

The Colorado County Fair's Creative Homemaking Department 2008 catalog is available. Catalogs may be picked up at the Silver Barn, Colorado County AgriLife Extension, Silly Stamper in Columbus, Hill Bank and Trust, The Collection and Weimar City Hall in Weimar, First National Bank in Eagle Lake, Sand Creek Drive In at Sandy Creek, Heinsohn's Country Store in Frelsburg, Schulz Grocery in New Ulm, Larry's Super Service in Garwood, and Nada Grocery in Nada. The catalog is online at www.columbus-texas.org or colorado-co.tamu.edu (newsletter tab). For more information call the Extension office at 979-732-2530 or Homemaking Department chairman Beverly Tuck at 732-7277.

### Library accepting apps. for wall of honor

The Wintermann Library Board of Directors is now accepting applications for the "Eula and David Wintermann Library Wall of Honor." Those nominated are those who have given their time and efforts to support the library. If you are interested in nominating someone, you can pick up an application at the library. Applications must be in no later than September 8. The applicant to be added to the wall of honor will be presented on the night of the study club auction which will be Saturday, September 20.

### Class of 1988 to hold reunion

The Rice High School Class of 1988 has scheduled their reunion for Oct. 4. Please email Leslie Sunderman at ricehighschoolclassof1988@yahoo.com to give her your contact information. Help spread the word.

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## Tax Rate

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average value of a homestead in 2007 in the county was \$67,812. The average value increased to \$73,450 in 2008.

Last year, the average homestead paid taxes of \$291.59.

Under the proposed tax rate, those taxes would to a total of \$329.79, an increase of \$38.20 cents.

That amounts to a 13.1 percent increase.

## Longevity

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McCreary, Veselka, Bragg and Allen to collect delinquent court fines. The contract was extended for four years. In the past three years, the firm had collected \$717,000 in delinquent fines from three of the four peace justice courts.

--Approved installation of six septic systems in the southern part of the county under a grant program.

--Approved renewal of contracts for legal services and child welfare services, as well as indigent health services.

--Approved an agreement with the Rock Island Water Supply Corporation to allow it to apply for grant funds for water improvements.

--Approved adjusting leases at Robert R. Wells Airport, based on increases in the consumer price index.

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