

Colorado County Sheriff's Report

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burglary. On arrival, a description of stolen property was obtained and one possible suspect was developed. Case is pending further investigation.

At 11:20 am, Deputy Blair and Deputy Head responded to IH-10 near FM 2761 in reference to a reckless driver. On arrival, the suspect vehicle was located and Todd Gregory Thomas, 36 of Cedar Creek, was arrested for reckless driving. Case closed.

Thursday, July 9
At 10:53 pm, Deputy Staff checked a vehicle stopped in the road on CR 101 and Hwy 71. After further investigation, Dodie Mehrens Vogler, 41 of Boling, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. Case closed.

At 4:30 pm, Deputy Head and Deputy Blair responded FM 532 in Oakland in reference to a house fire. The fire was extinguished by Oakland and Weimar VFD and was determined to be from a lightning strike and possibly faulty wiring. Case closed.

Friday, July 10
At 12:08 am Sgt. Staff, Sgt. Edman, Deputy Martell, Deputy Gonzalez were dispatched to a disturbance with gunshots in the 5500 blk of Hwy 90A. After further investigation, Victor Jose Hernandez, 32 of Eagle Lake, was arrested for aggravated sexual assault and unlawful possession of a firearm by felon. The Sheriff's Office was assisted by Eagle Lake Police Officer Sebastian and Sgt. Nelson. Case closed by arrest.

At 4:45 am, Sgt. Edman spoke with a complainant who reported a purse was lost in Colorado, Wharton, or Matagorda County. Case closed with report.

At 1:55 pm, Deputy Petrosky responded to Texana in Columbus in reference to a Peace Officer's Warrant for a mental patient. The patient was transported to the Austin State Hospital for treat-

ment. Case closed.

At 11:40 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt conducted a traffic stop on S.H. 71 near Shaws Bend Road. After further investigation, Clinton Eldon Middleton, 22 of Plum, was arrested for driving while license invalid. Case closed.

Saturday, July 11
At 10:26 am, Deputy Abbott and Deputy Thomas responded to the 4000 blk of S.H. 71 in regards to an industrial accident were an individual was injured. Case closed.

At 6 pm, Deputy Petrosky took a mental patient from the Colorado County Sheriff's Office to Austin State Hospital.

At 8:26 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt initiated a traffic stop on Hwy 71 near FM 1890. After further investigation, one subject was arrested for no driver's license and no liability insurance. Case closed by arrest.

Sunday, July 12
At 2:08 am, Deputy Zak and Deputy Lindemann responded to Rice Medical in regards to an assault that had recently occurred in the county. After further investigation, Gary Steven Jones, 51 of Eagle Lake, was arrested for aggravated assault. Case closed by arrest.

At 249 am, Sgt. Pflughaupt responded to IH-10 west in regards to a report of an intoxicated driver. After further investigation, Isidro Villa, 21 of Humble, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. Case closed by arrest.

Monday, July 13
At 9:33 am, Deputy Abbott and Deputy Thomas responded to IH-10 east near Weimar, in regards to a vehicle fire. The fire was extinguished by Weimar VFD and was determined to be from a malfunctioning refrigerant problem. Case closed.

At 10:17 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt responded to Old McDonald Lane in regards to a suicidal subject.

The subject received medical treatment and was later taken to Austin State Hospital. Case closed.

Tuesday, July 14
At 8:22 pm, Deputy Martell responded to CR200 near Weimar in reference to an estray cow. After further investigation, an owner was located and the cow was

returned. Case closed.

Wednesday, July 15
At 4 pm, Deputy Head responded to Broadway Store on Hwy 71 west of Columbus in reference to criminal mischief. The complainant reported that someone cut the outside phone line to the building. Evidence was collected and the case is pending further investigation.

At 4 pm, Deputy Argo responded to the Columbus Hospital in reference to a Peace Officer's

Warrant for a mental patient. After further investigation, the patient was transported to the Austin State Hospital for treatment. Case closed.

Thursday, July 16
At 4:30 pm, Deputy Head responded to Hwy 90 near Weimar in reference to an Indecent Exposure incident. After further investigation, the suspect was identified, but no charges were filed at the request of the complainant. Case closed.

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Colorado County Deed Records

Assumed Name Certificate, Francisco J. Padilla doing business as F J P Insurance, March 23, 2009.

Assumed Name Certificate, Twila George doing business as The Magic of..., March 23, 2009.

Assumed Name Certificate, Frank Macaulay doing business as Eagle Street Equities, March 26, 2009.

Assumed Name Certificate, John Bradley Hauerland doing business as J B Cattle Co, March 27, 2009.

Assumed Name Certificate, Eagle Lake Supermarket and Karim Ali Maredia doing business as Eagle Lake Supermarket Inc, March 23, 2009.

Assumed Name Certificate, Lacey C. McLean doing business as McLean Consulting, March 30, 2009.

Assumed Name Certificate, Daniel Perez doing business as Danny's Mood, March 30, 2009.

Assumed Name Certificate, Heath S. Radley and Six Pines Trees Inc doing business as Provident Pines of Texas Inc, March 11, 2009.

Assumed Name Certificate, Van Roehling and VR Foods LLC doing business as Van Roehling Sauces & Rubs, March 30, 2009.

Assumed Name Certificate, Delicia L. Ledezma doing business as Ledezma Auto Mechanic, March 31, 2009.

Assumed Name Certificate, Will Adams doing business as Yardworks, April 1, 2009.

Assumed Name Certificate, Vivian B. Hurst doing business as Nathan Building Antique Mall, April 1, 2009.

Assumed Name Certificate, Vivian B. Hurst doing business as The Nathan Building Antique Mall, April 1, 2009.

Assumed Name Certificate, Laurie A. Wright doing business as Wright Creek Ranch, April 3, 2009.

2009 Property Tax Rates in Rice Hospital District

This notice concerns 2009 property tax rates for Rice Hospital District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as 1 year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate a taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:		
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 920,123	
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0	
Last year's total taxes	\$ 920,123	
Last year's tax base	\$ 642,992,439	
Last year's total tax rate	\$.14310	/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 941,262	
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 632,799,057	
= This year's effective tax rate	\$.14874	/\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$	/\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$	/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 1,118,015	
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 632,799,057	
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.17667	/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.19080	/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$.00000	/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$.19080	/\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$.02771	/\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$.16309	/\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$	/\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$	/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Rice Hospital District adopts a 2009 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.14874 \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2008 taxes by \$ 2,591

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operations	\$0
Interest & Sinking	\$0

Schedule B - 2009 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These are property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to Be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid
	\$	\$	\$
<i>(expand as needed)</i>			
Total required for 2009 debt service		\$ 0	
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A		\$ 0	
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources		\$ 0	
- Excess collections last year		\$ 0	
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2009		\$ 0	
Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100 % of its taxes in 2009		\$ 0	
= Total Debt Levy		\$ 0	

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes) In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$ 176,753.23 in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

Schedule D - State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The County Auditor certifies that County has spent in the previous 12 months beginning , for the maintenance and operations of inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Cou information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Schedule E - Transfer of Department, Function or Activity

The spent \$ from on the . The operates this function in . [Second Year of Transfer: Modify schedule to show this year and preceding year by unit receiving the function.]

Schedule F - Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures

The spent \$ from to health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy at Colorado County CAD 106 Cardinal Lane Columbus, Texas

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Date prepared July 27, 2009

Council Discusses Budget for Next Year

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ly purchased three replacement vehicles, but the council also discussed budgeting to replace one vehicle a year in the future.

Rucka noted that the proposed budget had no raises, but council discussed putting a raise for employees into the budget.

One of the options they discussed was giving each employee

a 50-cent an hour raise. That would amount to \$1,040 annually per employee and cost the city about \$30,000.

Council members noted under that option that while every employee would get the same amount, employees at lower pay scales would get a higher percentage increase.

No decisions were made at the meeting.

City Manager Hired by City

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assistant to the city manager of Friendswood from 1977 to 1982.

He also served as the city manager for the City of Hitchcock from 1982 to 1984.

Rankin also served in the private sector for several years in various positions such as safety, employee relations and human resources.

Rankin holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Government and a Master of Arts degree in Public

Management.

He said he had some degree of familiarity with the City of Eagle Lake and decided to apply for the position of city manager.

Rankin said he will be living in Lake Jackson but plans to rent a place in Eagle Lake.

Rankin said the main thing he can bring to the city is his experience.

Due to his long career in both city government and private industries, Rankin said that his

experience has prepared him for many of the issues that he may face as city manager.

Rankin also discussed the major duties that he will have as the city manager for Eagle Lake.

"Mostly it's about just taking care of the day-to-day business of the city," said Rankin.

Rankin's various duties will involve managing the city's water and sewage operations as well as seeing to the needs and desires of the community.

Rankin also said that in the future he may become involved in the city's economic and commercial development.

"One of the most important aspects of this job is getting as much as possible for as little as possible," Rankin said. "Because, ultimately, the citizens are the bosses."

"The hiring of a city manager is a positive situation for the community," Mayor Michael Morales said.

"The council appreciates the experience he brings with him from other areas and that he has been involved with this type of job."

Part of Rankin's job involves a six-month probationary period after which the council will review his performance.

Rice CISD Receives State TAKS Ratings

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recognized."

He also commented on the individual schools.

"Sheridan's exemplary so they can't get better than that, Garwood is recognized and the other schools are very close to where they can get the credit they deserve," he said.

Lanier said that he feels the schools have improved since last year.

He explained that math scores have come up while social studies and English scores have always

been high.

He also explained that science is still a focus for the district but it is also a focus for the rest of the state.

"Next year we're going to look at individual students' needs and make sure they are all addressed," said Lanier.

Lanier stated that next year's goal for the district is to be "recognized across the board."

The other districts in the county, Columbus and Weimar, each received ratings of "Academically Acceptable."

County Seeks Fair Contestants

Contestants are being sought for the Colorado County Fair Queen and Junior Queen Contests to be held at the Columbus High School Auditorium on Saturday, September 5. Girls between the ages of 10-13 are eligible to enter the Junior Queen Contest and girls 14-19 years of age may enter the Fair Queen Contest. All contestants must be single and must be residents of Colorado County and attend school within the county.

To qualify for the pageant, contestants for Junior Queen must sell 20 season passes and Fair Queen contestants must sell 50 season passes for the 2009 fair.

The fair queen contestant who

sells the largest dollar amount of advance passes will be crowned membership queen and will receive the \$2,000 Pamela Potter Honorary Scholarship and a life membership in the fair association.

The first runner up in sales will receive a \$750 scholarship and the second runner up in sales will receive a \$500 scholarship.

The Fair Queen and Junior Queen will be chosen by out-of-county judges. They will be judged on personality, appearance and poise. The contestant chosen Fair Queen will receive the \$1000 Leslie Schmidt Heard Memorial Scholarship.

The Fair Queen, Membership

Queen, and Junior Queen will participate in activities during the 31st annual Colorado County Fair to be held at the Colorado County Ag Complex on the Highway 71 Bypass from September 10-13. They will also represent the fair association by riding the official fair float in area parades throughout the coming year.

A complete set of rules, entry forms and season passes may be obtained by calling one of the following members of the queens contest committee: Pamela Potter at 979-732-2705, Deborah Hayward at 979-725-8603 and Dianne Causey at 979-234-2958. The deadline to enter the contest is 5 p.m. Friday, August 14, no exceptions.