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## Rice CISD Breaks Ground On Intermediate School Project

Rice CISD officials held a groundbreaking ceremony August 5 for work on the Intermediate School on Tate Street. On hand were, from left: Patrick Zadow, Bay Architects; Bill Hefner, Rice CISD Assistant Superintendent; Ryan Wotipka, Bay Architects; Rice CISD Trustees Wayne Bowen, Carolyn Baird, Vivian Spanihel, Clark Peterson; T.J. Gonzales, Bay Architects; Mike Lanier, Rice CISD Superintendent, and Jay Bass, Bass Construction. Work is expected to be completed in April 2010.

## NEWSBRIEFS

### RJH students to pick up schedules

Student junior high schedules are available for pick up at the Rice Junior High (RJH) Office. Schedules will be available thru August 13 from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact the school a 979-234-3531 ext. 1900.

### Raider season tickets on sale

Season tickets for Rice High School (RHS) home football games will go on sale at the Rice CISD Administration Office through Friday, Aug. 14. Beginning Monday, Aug. 17 those who haven't held season tickets may purchase them on a "first-come, first-serve" basis. These will be on sale until Friday, Aug. 21. The cost for season tickets for all home games is \$30 per set (we have five home games this year). The cost at the gate will be \$6 per game. Reserved seats for individual games will cost \$7 at the gate. Call Suzanne Sykowski at 234-3531 for additional information. Adult pre-game general admission tickets will also be sold. The cost for these tickets will be \$6 and will be available only at the RHS and Rice Jr. High on Thursday and Friday until 3 p.m.

### RHS schedule pick up Aug. 12-13

Students attending Rice High School (RHS) can pick up their schedule in the main office on August 12 and 13 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m.

### Mt. Olive Back to School Prog. Aug. 14-15

Back to School (BTS) Explosion "Armed for Battle" hosted by Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church (GMOBC) and Pastor D. Curry will be held August 14-15. Youth and young adults come on out and join us! Friday, August 14 session 3-6 p.m. Saturday, August 15 session 10 a.m. - noon, fun and fellowship noon - 4 p.m., praise and worship rally, 6 p.m. We are currently in need of sponsors to donate school supplies. If you or someone you know is interested in being a sponsor or for more information please call Paula Richardson at 979-234-7062.

### Adult GED classes to be held at WHS

Anyone interested in registering for and attending the Adult GED Class should call Jerry F. Hudec at 979-263-5829. Plans are being made to have Adult GED Classes two nights a week at Weimar High School (WHS). Students will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration must be completed before a student can begin class. A high school equivalency diploma, GED, can help land a better job or gain entry into a trade school or college.

### HB Supper, meet teachers in Sheridan

An Open House, Meet the Teacher and Hamburger Supper will be held Wednesday, Aug. 19 at the Sheridan Elementary School. The hamburger supper will be from 5-6:30 p.m. and includes a hamburger, chips, drink and cookie for \$5 each. Tickets can be purchased from any student council member or by calling 979-234-7334 or 234-3988. Students are asked to bring their school supplies with them that evening.

### First Baptist to hold discussions

The First Baptist Church (FBC) of Eagle Lake invites any and all to a discussion of the new book "The Good and Beautiful God: Falling in Love With the God Jesus Knows." Would you like to have abiding peace? A heart that is filled with love? A hope that endures even in discouraging circumstances? Join us for this weekly discussion of James Bryan Smith's book on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall, beginning August 19.

### Free youth camp at White Cloud

Free youth summer camp hosted by SOAH ministries. Join us at White Cloud Baptist Church (WCBC) in Eagle Lake thru August 21, Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Ages up to 18 years old. Meals will be served. Program activities include youth forums, life skills, arts and crafts, reading and math enrichment, dance/music, table games, and physical fitness. For more information call 832-677-6320 or 832-483-2521.

### Immaculate Conception Bazaar, homecoming

You are invited to attend the annual bazaar and homecoming of Immaculate Conception Church, at the KC Hall in Sealy, Sunday, Sept. 6. BBQ dinner of pork, beef, chicken and sausage plus Mexican food beginning at 10:30 a.m. Plates to go available. Music provided by Krenek's inside the hall during lunch and outside in the afternoon. Auction at 1 p.m. Entertainment throughout the day, kiddie rides

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## Robison To Headline Fair Entertainment

The 31st Colorado County Fair will be held at the Colorado County Ag Complex September 10-13.

Headlining the entertainment for this year's fair is Charlie Robison.

The Fair features nationally known entertainers, a CPRA rodeo, and tractor pull contest, Ranch Sorting Event, quilt exhibit, needlework, handicrafts, BBQ Cook-off, Petting Zoo, Carnival with Buttons The Clown, Livestock Exhibits and much more.

Following is an entertainment schedule and bios on the entertainers.

For ticket sales and general information call 979-732-9266 or 797-234-5981 or go to www.ColoradoCountyFair.org

Thursday, Sept 10  
The Hit Men: 7:30 pm - 11:30 pm

Friday, Sept 11  
Southbound 955: 8:00 pm -

10:00 pm  
CHARLIE ROBISON: 10:30 pm - close  
Saturday, Sept  
Katelyn & Christopher Ho-  
baugh: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Broke 60: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
JOSH ABBOTT: 8:30 pm -  
10:00 pm  
JOHN ANDERSON: 10:30 pm  
- 12:00 pm  
Broke 60: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  
Sunday, Sept 13  
Charles & the Fabulous 4: 2:30 pm - 7:00 pm  
Lineup subject to change.

### Charlie Robison

It would be rude to ask Charlie Robison about his divorce from the Dixie Chicks Emily Erwin if he hadn't made it the centerpiece of his new album, Beautiful Day.

"As I was writing, I just couldn't act like it wasn't there," he tells CMT.com. Six of the 10 songs are Robison's own compo-

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## County Eyeing 3.4 Percent Tax Increase

Colorado County commissioners, meeting on Monday, voted to propose a tax rate of 46.429 cents per \$100 valuation.

That is an increase of 1.529 cents per \$100 valuation, or 3.4 percent from the current rate.

The rate is what is termed the effective rate, which is designed to bring in the same amount of revenue in 2010 as in 2009 on property that was on the tax rolls both years.

Action on the rate came on a 4-1 vote. Voting in favor were Commissioners Herbie Helmcamp, Doug Wessels, Darrell Gertson and Tommy Hahn, with County Judge Al Jamison opposed.

Jamison had proposed a rate of 48 cents per \$100 valuation, a 6.9 percent increase, from the current rate.

However, that motion did not receive a second.

County Auditor Raymie Kana said the final vote on the tax rate would take place in September.

The 46.429-cent rate will bring in an additional \$169,159 in tax revenue in the coming year, according to estimates by Kana.

Overall spending in the budget for 2010 is estimated at \$15.2 million.

Jamison noted that the county is faced with a loss of about \$110,000 from lower oil and gas values.

He also pointed out that the county will receive about \$180,000 less in interest due to lower interest rates.

One resident, Grady Lambert, also addressed the commissioners about the budget and tax rate.

He noted that a number of

people have lost jobs and facing difficult situations.

"We're in a special situation, some people are losing their homes," he said.

The alternative to raising taxes would be to draw from reserves, Jamison said.

"It's not pleasant taking shots about tax rates," Jamison said.

The budget contains no pay increase for county employees, but it does have funds to increase the amount the county provides to employees retirement.

Currently the county provides \$1.50 for every \$1 an employee contributes. Commissioners had discussed contributing \$2 for every \$1 an employee contributes.

Increasing that funding will cost \$184,000.

In other action, commissioners:

--Held a workshop on EMS scheduling. There was considerable discussion about procedures on handling ambulance transfers, which generally produce revenue for the county.

--Authorized advertising for road construction on County Road 2104 in Precinct 2.

--Accepted a gift deed from Richard and Clara Ray for .0142 acres for access to a site for a new \$900,000 radio tower that will be constructed east of Columbus.

--Approved an agreement with the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston to provide indigent health care services for the county.

--Reviewed and made no change in payments for leases at Robert R. Wells Airport.

--Were told that replacing a hydraulic cylinder on the courthouse elevator will cost \$50,431.

## Raiders In Action For First Scrimmage Sat.

The Rice Raider Football team will see its first action of the 2009 campaign on Saturday when they host Needville in a scrimmage format at 7 p.m.

Rice comes off their best season in school history, and having reached the state semifinals in each of the last two seasons.

The Raiders last two losses were the state semifinal games in 2007 and 2008.

Rice won the district championship with an undefeated record last year, and has its eyes on two in a row.

The Raiders come into this season picked to win district 26AA by Dave Campbell's Texas Football Magazine. Rice is ranked sixth in the state in the same magazine's preseason poll.



The Old Skool Organization launched its first annual school supply donation held Tuesday, August 4, for kids in our community. The organization wanted to give back to some of our youth for their dedication, commitment and continued work ethic during the summer months. Pictured in front from left to right are Kevin Earls, III, Te Iyvon Johnson, Mia Jackson, Bre'Aunti Hemphill, Elicio Martinez, Elizik Martinez, and Stephen Aguilar. Back row left to right: Jasmine Shropshire, Chelsy McGrew, Tiffany Patterson, Mariah Fuentes, Kevin Earls, Jr.; back row, Russell Williams and Ron McGrew. Not pictured Shaq Norris, Quavale Whalon and Jordan Johnson.