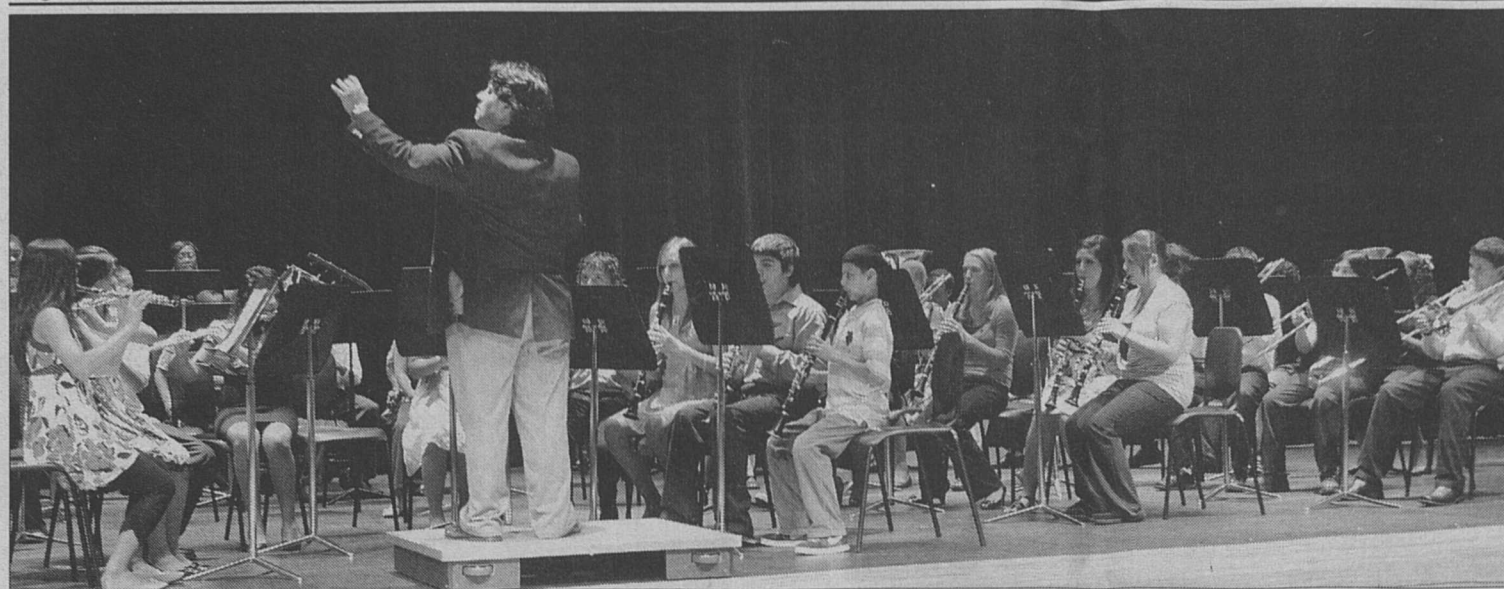




Danny Enriquez directs the Rice Junior High Band during the band concert on May 18.

Enforcement Phase For New Booster Seat Law To Begin

Are you ready for the next phase of the new booster seat law?

Starting June 1, law enforcement officers may issue citations for violations of the recent changes to the child passenger safety law.

The law requires all children younger than eight years old, unless already taller than 4'9", to be in the appropriate child safety seat system anywhere the child rides in a passenger vehicle.

(A passenger vehicle is defined as a passenger car designed to transport not more than ten

occupants including the driver, a truck, light truck, truck tractor, sport utility vehicle and a passenger van designed to transport not more than 15 occupants including the driver.)

The law also requires that all safety seat systems, safety or booster seats and safety vests, be installed according to the manufacturers' instructions — including age, height, weight requirements and the proper placement in the vehicle.

(Some manufacturers prohibit using their products on the front seats of vehicles.)

The law was passed last year during the legislative session and went into effect on Sept. 1, 2009.

Officers could only issue verbal or written warnings for the first nine months, but now the enforcement phase is in effect.

Fines are \$25 to \$250 plus court costs, potentially much more than the cost of a safety or booster seat.

Safety seats and booster seats not only save lives: they save families.

Consider the impact to your family if your child isn't buckled up properly and is injured or killed in a crash.

Many times the injuries an improperly restrained child receives

are life-long.

Are you ready for the consequences of not securing a child?

If you have questions, contact Beth Warren, DPS Safety Programs, at (512) 424-5639 or beth.warren@txdps.state.tx.us

County

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Wells Airport lighting at a cost of \$18,236. Half of the cost will be paid by the state.

--Approved Austin County Judge Carolyn Bilski as the county's representative on the Texana Mental Health Mental Retardation Board.

--Were told that the county had received a bid of \$110 for the sale of the white frame building that had housed Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace office.

They noted that the house is to be moved to make way for a courthouse annex. Earlier, they had said it would probably cost in the range of several thousand dollars to tear it down.

They had advertised on an online website, but were told the bidder had seen a newspaper article about sale, not the online notice.

Artwork

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Director, Beth Cordona-HLSR Art Committee, Jim Barron-HLSR Art Committee, Brenda Corman-HLSR Art Committee, and Clint Cannon-Reliant Energy Professional Cowboy.

**Headlight
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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. 05-17-10	90/68	0.18
Tue. 05-18-10	85/68	0.00
Wed. 05-19-10	89/72	0.00
Thu. 05-20-10	88/72	0.00
Fri. 05-21-10	90/73	0.00
Sat. 05-22-10	90/76	0.00
Sun. 05-23-10	89/71	0.00



In honor of Jake Allen Wittig's 1st Birthday in Heaven of over 600 teddy bears were collected for donation to the Texas Children's Hospital. Teddy bears of every size and color began arriving at our homes and the designated drop areas after having distributed email, flyers and articles about the collection. Businesses and friends of friends opened their doors and hearts accepting teddy bear donations in Jake's honor.

On April 15, 2010, Jake's parents, Daniel and Tiffany Wittig, and grandparents, Howard and Gretchen Wilkerson and Herman and Linda Wittig arrived at Texas Children's Hospital with a total of 620 teddy bears. We were immediately greeted by the volunteer staff at Texas Children's Hospital. Two volunteers spent a wonderful afternoon helping distribute teddy bears to patients and their siblings. Huge smiles were shown in deep appreciation by the patients and their parents. All teddy bears were given huge hugs.

A special thank you to Mach's of Boling, Country Crafts & Collectibles of Wharton, American Rice Growers of Garwood, The Furniture Shoppe and Apex Traffic Supply of Eagle Lake for opening their doors to accept teddy bear donations. Holy Cross Catholic Church of East Bernard also served as a teddy bear drop facility. Holly Stearman of the First Baptist Church of East Bernard asked their congregation to support the drive and also collected teddy bears. St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada, placed flyers for interested parishioners. Thanks to Jake's Great Aunt Wanda Henry for helping make this event possible.

The family of Jake Allen Wittig have once again been deeply touched by the opening of your hearts and the generosity of teddy bears given. Thanks for helping make this endeavor a huge success.

THE SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

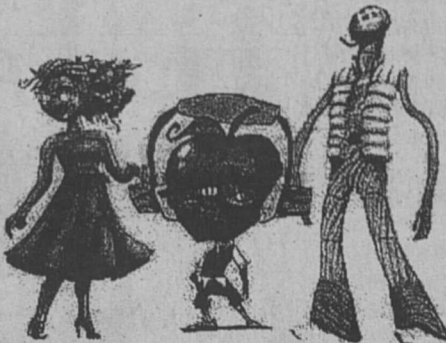
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Lunch/Merienda: 11:55am - 1:00pm
DAYS: Monday thru Thursday (Menos 7
Dias: Lunes - Jueves de Junio)
MONTHS: June 8 - June 30, 2010
Meses: Junio 8 - Junio 30, 2010
For more information call:
Para mas informacion, llame al:
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