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## Rising Star ISD Update

Rising Star ISD students have reasons to smile: in August the Texas Education Agency rated the elementary campus "Exemplary", the high school "Recognized", and the district "Recognized". Impressive and increased TAKS scores contributed to the improved ratings making RSISD an academically strong district in the region and state.

In 2008-09 the district received \$22,000 in a competitive grant for additional technology to upgrade a server in our network and purchase additional laptops. Currently we are waiting on an announcement in October, 2009, for another grant that would impact all grade

levels. The grant monies applied for were approximately \$420,000.

RSISD is pleased to welcome three new faculty members: Mrs. Edith Cooper, high school math courses; Tara Simmons, RSISD Counselor, and Coach Clint Lowry, athletic director and coach. Welcome!

RSISD enrollment for the 2009-10 school year has seen some new faces while others have relocated. School enrollment is currently 226. Last year, the district began with 236 students. TEA predicts Texas schools will experience enrollment fluctuations in September and will record official enrollment

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## Rising Star Roping Association

### Membership Drive Trail Ride Sept. 19

The Rising Star Roping Association will kick off its membership drive with a trail ride September 19.

Purchase a membership, and join us for a members' only trail ride Saturday, September 19 at Robby and Connie Harding's farm, located 3 miles West of Rising Star. Going west on Hwy. 36 turn right on CR 268, go 1 mile and turn left on CR 269, go to 2<sup>nd</sup> drive on right approx. 1/2 mile.

Riders will pull out at 10 a.m. and return to headquarters at noon for a cookout. Cost of the meal will be \$5 per person.

For more information about memberships or the trail ride, please contact Connie Harding at (254) 643- 4101 or (254) 643-0035.

This is the first of several events planned by the Association, so get your membership, saddle up your horses and join us for what is sure to be a great time!

Membership fees are \$30 per family or \$25 for individuals and may be purchased ahead of time or the morning of the trail ride. Current Coggins required.

## Rising Star Regular Meeting Of The Mayor, City Council

Thursday Sept. 10, 2009  
6:00 PM

Higginbotham Building  
106 North Main

### Agenda

1. Call To Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation
3. Citizens Input To comply with the Open Meetings Act, the Council may not deliberate on items presented under this agenda item.

The citizens may request and the Council may direct that the subject matter be formally placed on a future agenda. All presentations are subject to time limitations.

1. Approval of Minutes from Meeting on August 20, 2009
2. Linda Thomas-Street repair work on East Ross Street
3. Douglas Campbell-AMA Techtel-Family phone and internet services
4. Gus Calderon-Census Bureau
5. Computer for Greg Clay
6. Betsy Herron-AT&T Cell phone changes
7. William Kelcy-P/T police officer
8. William Kelcy-Proposed hours for curfew at park
9. Peggy Bostick-Lights at Park
10. Resolution from Valerie Thompson-To change signature authorization for grant proposals.

1. Dog Ordinance-Proposal for changes to dog ordinance about pick up of

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The Class of 1959 will be celebrating their 50th year reunion during this year's homecoming. Class members pictured above are: Row 1 (l-r) Carolyn Hunt Walker, Judy Kinsey Wilson, Little Mauldin Wilson, Betty Jenkins Callaway, Alice Roberts; Row 2 (l-r) Glenda Cain, Sharon Johnson, Nelda Lee, Barbara Bishop Smedley, Judy Alford Green; Row 3 (l-r) Essie Hearrien, Rita Hogan, Lou Erwin Shults; Row 4 (l-r) Elmer McCarey, Wilbur Ware, Bill Rutherford, Jerrell Bible, Kenneth Ridens, Dinky Hill, Larry Earp; Row 5 (l-r) Don Long, Gary Scott, Delwin Caudle, Tony Smith, Jack Smith.



RSHS Coaches are (l-r) Athletic Director, Coach Clint Lowry; Edward Aviles, Todd Law, Ron Luedke.



RSHS Wildcat Cheerleaders are (top)Tiffany Rutledge, Sr.; Chelcee Poteet, Sr.; Lauren Hickman, Sr.; (bottom) Makayla Wilson, Fr.; Kailey Medford, Jr.; Hailey Robbins, Soph.; Carleigh Moore, Jr.; Riley Lawson, Soph.

## Judge Rex Fields Asks Eastland County To Remember Patriot Day On September 11

In another section of the news, you will find an Eastland County Commissioners Court proclamation addressing the observance of Patriot Day in our county. I want to take a moment to reflect upon the significance of this day and I hope that you will join me

On September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States killed 2,974 of our fellow Americans. 2,603 died in the World Trade Center, 246 passengers died in the plane

## Rising Star 4-H Club To Meet September 14

The Rising Star 4-H Club will meet September 14th at the Rising Star Elementary School starting at 6:30 p.m.

crashes, and finally 125 people died at the Pentagon.

Most of these people were just going about their daily

## PTO Homecoming Luncheon

The Rising Star PTO will be having their Annual Homecoming Luncheon Saturday, September 12, 2009 at the Elementary Cafeteria. The Luncheon will begin at 11:30 AM and end at 1:00 PM. Our menu this year is fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn on the cobb,

## May United Methodist Church Angel Food Ministries Orders

May United Methodist Church order day for Angel Food Ministries will be Thursday, September 10, 9-11 AM and 5-7 PM.

lives, working in an office, preparing and selling food, or piloting a jumbo jet on what

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gravy, rolls and dessert. Our price is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 10 and under. As always we will have to go lunches available. We want to welcome home our Exes and look forward to visiting with you.

GO WILDCATS BEAT the FALCONS!!

Specials can now be ordered individually. Payment due at time of order. Distribution will be Saturday, September 26, 2009.

## Rising Star High School

50th Anniversary

Saturday, September 12

Class of 1959 will be honored,  
also classes ending in 4 & 9

### Schedule of events

- 8:00 AM Registration (at High School)
- 10:00 AM Business Meeting
- 11:30 - 1:00 Luncheon (Ward School Cafeteria)
- 12:00 - 6:00 Museum open
- 2:30 PM Parade (line up at High School)
- Class Meetings during day
- 3:00 PM Pep Rally
- 7:30 PM Football Game
- Rising Star Wildcats VS Veribest Falcons

Homecoming 2009 Theme:  
"Keep Moving Onward  
Reaching Outward  
And Climbing Upward"

## RSHS Class of 1979 To Hold 30 Year Reunion

All members of Rising Star High School Class of 1979 will celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> year reunion this Saturday, September 12. Activities will include a ride on a float in the parade and a gathering at the Park Pavilion. All members will need to meet at 2:00 p.m. at the new elementary school

to ride on the float. After the parade and pep rally, members of the Class of '79 will meet at the Park Pavilion from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. to reminisce and catch up with old friends.

For more information please contact Vicki Elliott Lee at 254-643-3205.

## 'See You At The Pole' Tailgate Party

Attention all Rising Star Students. You are all invited to join us on September 23rd at 7:30 a.m. at the High School and Elementary school for a morning filled with food and prayer. We will have breakfast burritos, juice and donuts followed by gathering around the flag pole and praying for our schools and communities.

## Car Tag Sales Available Sept. 16

Sandra Cagle will be at the Precinct Barn in Rising Star on Wednesday, September 16 from 1-3 p.m. to sell car registration tags.

Please feel free to contact the church office @ 254-643-4451 with any questions you may have or if you would like to participate in any way. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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**Patriot Day**

started out as a routine flight. However, for 403 of those killed they were answering a call to duty as emergency responders. 403 firefighters, EMTs, and law enforcement officers were killed because they were brave enough to run into the inferno as survivors were running away.

Try to remember where you were and what you were doing when you first heard the news. That moment should be burned into our collective memory as Pearl Harbor was for the generation before mine. On September 11, it was almost unthinkable that some rag tag bunch could attack America with such effectiveness and impunity. Box cutters and jumbo jets can indeed be used as weapons of terror. Since that date, much has changed for Americans. We have lost our sense of invulnerability as well as some privacy. Our travel is now scrutinized with x-ray machines and bomb dogs, serious armed officers, and pointed questions about our travel plans. We took the fight to the enemy and as a result, the United States has not suffered another attack on our soil.

Locally, much has changed for First Responders after 9/11. Personnel for each fire, EMS, and law enforcement agency have undergone much more training and have better equipment with which to do their job. Communication has been greatly improved. Federal grant funds have been obtained and used to supply equipment of all types from breathing apparatus to trucks. Many agencies of the state of Texas work closely with each city and with the county

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**City Agenda**

- strays
- 2. Mayor McGinn-Assistance from Council for tear down on old Watkins Grocery Building
  - 1. Staff Reports  
City Clerk-Judy Green
  - 1. Monthly Totals Report
  - 2. Past Due Accounts
  - 3. Municipal Court Report
  - Police Report-William Kelcy
  - 1. Monthly Activity Report Administration
  - 1. Check Detail
  - 2. Monthly P&L Adjourn

*Read The Classifieds*

to provide resources to resolve emergency incidents.

Finally, in the middle of America's response to terror attacks are our men and women in military service. This all-volunteer force has kept us safe these years since September 11, 2001. All I would ask is that when see a local fireman, law enforcement officer, EMT, or military person active or retired that you remember to thank them for their service. They are the heroes that run toward the danger and keep it from harming our families and ourselves. Here is my personal thank you to those brave people; please join me.

Respectfully submitted  
Rex Fields  
Eastland County Judge

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**RSISD Update**

ment counts in October.

In response to increasing math expectations in Texas, math teachers from both campuses have updated and aligned curriculum. Using CSCOPE math curriculum, teachers hope to eliminate learning "gaps" as students progress to the next year. Also, Pre-Calculus has been added to the high school curriculum this year and is highly recommended for college-bound students. Our science curriculum includes Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Anatomy & Physiology.

Working with Cisco College instructors through distance education, RSHS has expanded its dual credit program to qualifying juniors. Currently, 11 juniors are enrolled in the program and will have the opportunity to complete eight college classes (24 hours) during the school day before they graduate. Current qualifying seniors may complete four college courses before they graduate. As a result, students can earn required high school and college credit at the same time.

Also, students interested in vocational fields can experience an expanded curriculum with the addition of dual credit opportunity in welding. Hands-on and career oriented, students have the opportunity to learn a real-life skill.

Popular with students, both campuses will again provide daily in-school tutorial periods so students can work with teachers on immediate concerns. This year, elementary students will have two tutorial opportunities.

Also new for the 2009-10 school year, Gifted and Talented services for identified students will begin mid-semester

and continue through May. In a pull-out setting, students will participate in an interdisciplinary curriculum that provides depth and complexity to their regular studies.

RSHS seniors will take part in a "College Tour" trip traveling to Cisco College, TSTC Vocational College, Howard Payne, and Tarleton State University. Traveling with RSHS faculty, seniors will meet with admission and financial personnel as well as learn more about the campuses and enrollment requirements. Also, the addition of Mrs. Simmons, as a full-time counselor will assist student with college/career planning.

Spring storms brought damage to local roofs, including school buildings. Repairs were made in the summer to minimize school interruptions.

RSISD will again play host for the UIL North Zone Elementary and Jr. High Academic Meets, this year on November 23-24. Students from six schools will take part in the 2-day contest that covers math, science, English, speaking, listening, art, and music skills. Last year RSISD students earned the overall Academic Championship title and are vying for a repeat.

New this year, RSHS will host the UIL District Cross Examination Debate Contest in February. The RSHS debate squad has expanded this year with more students vying for a return trip to the state contest in March. Last year Rising Star was represented at the state contest by a team comprised of a freshman and a sophomore.

**May Lunch Menu**

- Monday, Sept. 14**  
Breakfast: Eggs, toast, jelly, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Pizza, corn, vegetable sticks, salad, dessert, fruit.
- Tuesday, Sept. 15**  
Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, hot rolls, oranges.
- Wednesday, Sept. 16**  
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, sausage, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Baked fish, tartar sauce, blackeyed peas, macaroni & cheese, salad, cornbread, pineapple.
- Thursday, Sept. 17**  
Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Tacos, ranch beans, spanish rice, salad, peaches.
- Friday, Sept. 18**  
Breakfast: French toast sticks, syrup, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Hamburgers w/cheese slices, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, french fries, fruit, ice cream.

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A large crowd turned out Saturday for the annual Rising Star Volunteer Fire Department's Dove Festival lunch and benefit (bottom). Barbara Long waits with her grandson, Taylor, as volunteers Clarissa Nall and Chief of Police William Kelcy serve the barbecue (right). Skipper Ezzell holds up some of the baked goods that were to be auctioned off as Josh Constancio begins the bidding (left).

**Wildcat Tales**

- Menu September 14-18**
- Monday**  
Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Biscuit, Jelly, Apple Juice, Milk  
Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza wedge, Whole Kernel Corn, Mixed Fruit, Milk
  - Tuesday**  
Breakfast: Sausage Patty, French toast, Orange Juice, Milk  
Lunch: Barbecue Wieners, Au gratin Potatoes, English Peas, White Bread, Milk
  - Wednesday**  
Breakfast: Hash brown, Buttered toast, Apple Juice, Milk  
Lunch: Frito Pie, Tossed salad, Orange, Chocolate Pudding, Milk
  - Thursday**  
Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, Apple Juice, Choice of Milk  
Lunch: Cheeseburger Casserole, Carrots, Sliced Apples, Roll, Orange Jello, Choice of Milk
  - Friday**  
Breakfast: Sausage Patty, Biscuit, Jelly, White gravy, Orange Juice, Milk  
Lunch: Barbecue on a bun, Potato rounds, Carrot sticks, Mixed Fruit, Milk
  - Band**  
The 2009-2010 Wildcat Band has started off with a BANG. The band is directed by Ron Luedke and under the field direction of Senior JulieAnn Steubing. The band has been working very hard since August 3<sup>rd</sup> to earn a one at the Regional Marching Contest in October. The band's marching music this year is Smoke on the Water, Carry on Wayward Son, and Crazy Train. Friday night at half time of the football game the band marched their first song and played the other two. The band booster's are also selling shakers in their concessions stand on Thursday and Friday night games, so come make some noise for the Wildcats. The band is also selling these years T-shirts for \$8 and if you would like to buy one contact any band member or Mr. Luedke. We thank you for everyone's support!
  - Upcoming Events**  
Homecoming is this Saturday! The schedule is as follows:  
Registration and coffee--8:00 A.M. (High School Auditorium)  
Business Meeting---10:00



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