

Stranger Danger: sheriff's office works with school districts to educate children

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Students attending Cherokee County schools may bring home a packet of information regarding registered sex offenders as the Sheriff's department will be sending a list of offenders with "reportable convictions" to the schools, said Lt. Chris White.

"We send them to all schools in Cherokee County, public and private," he said. "Not all of the schools choose (to distribute them), but we encourage them to do so."

Lt. White said a reportable conviction is any sexual offense conviction where either the suspect, victim or both, were juveniles at the time of the offense.

Lt. White said the list of sex offenders with reportable convictions will be distributed to local schools at the beginning of the first and second semesters.

The state legislature revisited the process for assessing risk levels to sex offenders during this year's session. Among the changes is the addition of the "Romeo and Juliet" clause, which allows a registered sex offender to expunge his record if their conviction were based solely on a consensual act.

For example, if an 18 year old had consensual intercourse with his 15 year old girlfriend, then he could petition the courts to have his name removed from the list of sex offenders.

"If the offense was based solely on a consensual act, and the only grounds for the conviction were the age, then they may go back and expunge their record," Lt. White said, adding that one individual in Cherokee County had his record cleared. He said to fall under the "Romeo and Juliet clause," the offender had to be

no more than three years older than his or her victim, the act had to be consensual and the conviction could only be based on the age of the victim.

According to the list of sex offenders provided by the Cherokee County Sheriff's Department, there are 79 registered sex offenders living in Cherokee County. Of that group, 78 are men, one is a woman.

The youngest victim was an infant, while the oldest was 38.

As a policy, the Cherokeean Herald does not list the victims' age if that victim is 16 years old or younger. This is to protect the identity of the victim, who is often related to the offender.

Alto

- Frye, Kenneth Wayne: Rt. 1 Box 1626-4, CR 2436; aggravated sexual assault, 23-year-old female victim
- Morrison, Michael: Rt. 2 Box 56, Hwy. 21; aggravated sexual assault, victim under 16

Bullard

- Arriola, Navidad Michael: 145 Red Bud Lane; indecency with a child by exposure, 3 victims under 16
- Hayles, Gary Mark: Rt. 2 Box 3388, CR 3404; indecency with a child by contact, victim under 16
- Lydy, John Micheal: 487 Terrace; aggravated sexual assault of a child, 3 victims under 16
- Mohr, Wesley Boyd: 430 Brazos, Shadybrook; indecency with a child by contact, victim under 16
- Travis, William Barry: 395 D Woodhue, Lakewood; aggravated sexual assault of a child, victim under 16
- Zweck, Timothy Kevin: 544 Travis; sexual assault of a child, victim under 16

Cuney

- N/A

Gallatin

- Goleman, Christopher Steven: 312 E. First Ave, Hwy. 22; aggravated

sexual assault of a disabled person, 39-year-old female victim

• Hataway, James Edward: FM 22; aggravated sexual assault of a child

Jacksonville

- Allen, Tommy Junior: Rt. 1 Box 44 G; indecency with a child by contact, victim under 16
- Baker, James Travis: Rt. 3 Box 826, CR 3109; indecency with a child by contact, victim under 16
- Boone, Anthony Eugene: 1011 N Jackson #4C; aggravated sexual assault of a child, victim under 16
- Brooks, Cole Joseph: 1303 Goodwin St.; aggravated sexual assault of a child, victim under 16
- Byers, James Robert: 207 Wells Drive; aggravated sexual assault, 30-year-old female victim
- Chaplin, Jeremy Allan: 141 Fulton; indecency with a child by contact, 3 victims under 16
- Clark, Gary Michael: 18312 Hwy 79 East; sexual assault of a child, victim under 16
- Conner, Carlos Jerome: 118 South Street; aggravated sexual assault of a child, victim under 16
- Crear, Orenthal James: 908 Simms; sexual assault of a child, 3 victims under 16
- Crippen, Donnie Wayne: 241 CR 3224; sexual assault of a child, 2 victims under 16
- Curtis, Jason Greg: 927 CR 3406; indecency with a child by contact, victim under 16
- Daille, Steven: 1405 Beacon Street; sexual assault, victim under 16
- Dennis, James William: 629 John; aggravated kidnapping/sexual assault, 38-year-old female victim
- Evett, Derwin S.: 720 Austin St; indecency with a child by contact, victim under 16
- Galan, Jose Ramon: 602 Palestine; indecency with a child by contact, victim under 16
- Golden, James Henry: 1003 Churchill; aggravated sexual assault, 36-year-old female victim
- Grimes, Nathan Wayne: Rt. 11 Box 92, CR 4105; indecency with a child by contact, victim under 16
- Harwell, Nickolas Noel: Rt. 3 Box 354, FM 747; aggravated sexual

assault of a child, 2 victims under 16

- Harper, David Wayne: 607 CR 3302; indecency with a child by contact, 2 victims under 16
- Hawes, Kevin Lyn: Rt. 1 Box 317, CR 1513; aggravated sexual assault, victim under 16
- Hennessy, Christopher, Michael: FUGITIVE; sexual assault of a child, victim under 16
- Hershiser, William Lee: RR 3 Box 677, FM 2138; sexual assault of a child, victim under 16
- Hunter, Roger: 501 Martin Luther King; indecency with a child by contact, victim under 16
- Lackey, Joyal Lee: 2917 CR 3414; aggravated sexual assault of a child, 2 victims under 16
- Lane, Robert Michael: Rt. 4 Box 4645; indecency with a child by contact, victim under 16
- McClain, James Donald: 277 CR 1532; aggravated sexual assault, 20-year-old female victim, 25-year-old female victim, 3 victims under 16
- McCuen, Leroy Edward: 227 Sycamore; aggravated sexual assault of a child, victim under 16
- McGarity, Donny Lynn: 407 Timberline; sexual assault, victim under 16
- Messick, Kenneth Ray: 1372 CR 3211; sexual assault, 2 victims under 16
- Mills, Stacy Bernard: 902 Davis Street; aggravated sexual assault of a child, victim under 16
- Moseley, Tracey Dewayne: 621 Johnson; indecency with a child by exposure, victim under 16
- Newburn, Jamie Lee: 1020 Palestine St.; attempted sexual performance of a child, 2 victims under 16
- Newman, Sammy Carroll: 127 CR 4211; indecency with a child by contact, victim under 16
- Norsworthy, Patrick Brian: Rt. 9 Box 2705, CR 3216; indecency with a child by contact, victim under 16
- Owens, Derrick Wendell: 534 Georgia; indecency with a child by contact, victim under 16
- Patton, Kevin Wayne: 2119 Byrd Road; indecency with a child by contact, victim under 16
- Powell, Bruce Townsend: 235 CR 3147; attempted sexual assault,

30-year-old male victim

- Reed, Jimmy: 919 Washington Street; attempted sexual assault, 25-year-old female victim and one unknown female victim
- Stricklen, Thompson Ward: 224 CR 1512; indecency with a child by contact, victim under 16
- Vines, Bobby Ray Jr.: 243 CR 3422; indecency with a child by contact, victim under 16
- Webber, Anthony Lee: 908 Brian Street; sexual assault of a child, victim under 16
- Wells, James L.: Rt. 5 Box 231, Hwy. 204; aggravated sexual assault, 2 victims under 16
- Wells, Johnny Decole: 110 West Lincoln; sexual assault, victim under 16
- White, Larry Wayne: 285 CR 4112; aggravated sexual assault, victim under 16
- Whiteley, Cody Alan: 4310 CR 3212; aggravated sexual assault of a child; victim under 16
- Williams, Jeffrey Lynn: 808 Fort Worth Street; indecency with a child by contact, victim under 16

Maydelle

- Minchew, Casey Harmon: Rt. 4 Box 142, Hwy. 84; sexual assault of a child, victim under 16

New Summerfield

N/A

Pollok

N/A

Reklaw

N/A

Rusk

- Casper, Donald Everitt: 376 South Main; indecency with a child by contact, victim under 16
- Davis, Richard Dean: Rt. 5 Box 157, Firetower Road; indecency with a child by contact, victim under 16
- Dean, Nile James: 3457 CR 1101; indecency with a child by contact, victim under 16
- Folmar, Kenneth Dexter: 591 CR 1508; aggravated sexual assault of a child, victim under 16
- Grimm, Richard Ira: 1104 CR 2112;

aggravated sexual assault of a child, victim under 16

- Grogan, Ollie Ray: 275 CR 1505; indecency with a child by contact, 2 victims under 16
- Husband, Jason Aaron: 780 East 4th Street; sexual assault of a child, victim under 16
- Jones, Jessie Willard: 332 CR 1619; indecency with a child by contact, victim under 16
- Session, Delian Brenanard: 701 Bradley Street; sexual assault, 34-year-old female victim, victim under 16
- Tyllich, Dale Joseph: 225 CR 2446; indecency with a child by contact, female victim older than 16

Troup

- Bruner, Charles Clifton: 323 CR 4912; indecency with a child by contact, victim under 16
- Carter, Cheney Lavaugn: 1594 CR 4912; indecency with a child by contact, victim under 16
- Childs, Michael Servetus: 1882 CR 4223; sexual assault of a child, victim under 16
- Husband, Tommy Robert: 361 CR 4608; indecency with a child by contact, victim, age 16
- Lee, Michael Sean: 6072 FM 856; indecency with a child by contact, victim under 16
- Martin, Timmey: 615 CR 4710; aggravated sexual assault of a child, victim under 16
- McMichael, Michael Ryan: 937 CR 4704; indecency with a child by contact, victim under 16
- Pitts, Martin Otis: 3477 CR 4807; aggravated sexual assault; 2 victims under 16

Wells

- Blackburn, Eric: 159 Homer Avenue; sexual assault of a child, victim under 16
- Corley, Alisha Arriola: 187 Werner Road; sexual assault of a child, victim under 16
- Free, Leo Daniel: 110 Chapman Road; aggravated sexual assault of a child, victim under 16

N/A indicates that no sexual offenders live in these cities, communities.

Rusk council

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budget will include \$2,360 for training and travel; \$700 for a financial audit; \$350 for TEDC dues; \$100 for office supplies; \$3,000 for Web site update and maintenance and \$2,500 for legal fees. Total expenses are expected to be \$44,010.04.

The council authorized the Economic Development Corporation to pay \$1,715.59 to Potter Minton attorneys for legal services.

Timber sales

The city will seek bids for the sale of timber on the Cannon property tract and at the Jim Hogg Park.

James Houser, consulting forester, recommended that the council conduct an improvement thinning of approximately 60 acres at the Cannon property, located on U.S. Highway 84 W. The city will remove the suppressed, poorer quality diseased trees, leaving the better quality, healthy trees for future growth and sale. Estimated gross income is expected to be approximately \$35,000.

Mr. Houser recommended that the city conduct a total harvest of all merchantable pine timber on approximately 75 acres at the Jim Hogg Park. The acreage will be reforested with superior loblolly pine seedlings. Estimated income will be \$100,000 and the estimated replanting cost is \$20,000.

Mr. Houser's fee will be 10 percent of the total sales.

He recommended that the city harvest the timber utilizing a "cutter select" method of harvest, with payment on a "per ton" basis.

Mr. Houser will designate the timber to be harvested; solicit bids from approved, reputable, prospective buyers that meet all technical guidelines as well as worker's compensation and liability insurance requirement; negotiate timber contract for the city's approval; inspect logging operations periodically to insure contract violations do not occur. If for some reason violations do occur, he will as-

sess damages and restitutions and perform a final inspection, advising the city when to release the contractor.

Special care will be taken around creeks and lakes to avoid creating any erosion problems. Also, any large, beautiful, or unusual hardwoods will be exempt from any sale.

The city is expected to receive \$756,300 over a 35-year-period in timber sales from a 230 acre plantation off FM 343. Of this plantation, a 50 acre stand was planted in 1989 and the second stand, 180 acres was planted in 1996.

Stand One's first thinning was in 2004 and the city made \$10,800. Second thinning is expected in 2009 and estimated income will be \$37,500. Other thinning will be in 2014, \$50,000; 2019, \$50,000; and final harvest in 2024, \$50,000.

Stand Two's first thinning is expected to be in 2011 for \$18,000. Other thinning will

include, 2016, \$45,000; 2021, \$135,000; 2026, \$180,000; and the final harvest in 2031 for \$180,000.


After a timber sale in 1984 to Temple Inland, the timber company purchased trees to be replanted. A total of 726 trees are expected to be planted per acre. Mr. Houser said 200 feet of trees will be left between the park and the harvest site.

Appointments

The council approved the appointment of Fran Wendeborn, city secretary; Forrest Phifer, city judge; and Larry Sinclair, city attorney.

Mrs. Wendeborn was re-appointed to her position. Mr. Phifer, former city attorney, was appointed to the municipal judge's position, formerly held by the late James B. Long. Mr. Sinclair is filling the position formerly held by Mr. Phifer as city attorney.

Walter Session, long-time mayor pro-tem, was re-appointed to the position.



Thomas the Tank To Visit Rusk
Oct. 19-21 and 26-28
Tickets on sale now!

*In Loving Memory of Dolores "Dee" Nerren
A Mom, Wife, Sister, Friend*

It's been a year since you've been gone and left us here. There is never a day that goes by that you are not in our thoughts and in every tear. We miss your kind, loving, giving way, your sweet warm smile upon your face. We know you're in a better place with the angels singing Amazing Grace. We can see you waiting at the Pearly Gates telling us "Hurry up and don't be late!"

*Our lives changed forever on August 14, 2006
We love and miss you greatly!*

Colleen, Leon, Randall, F.L., Muffin, Gayla, Rhea, Larry, all your family and friends

PUBLIC HEARING

***For Budget Approval
for Year 2007-2008
Thursday, August 23, 2007
6 PM - Alto City Hall
Alto, Texas***

Notice of Tax Increase

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$5,000 and 6.4% and of that amount \$0.00 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.