

2000 Hunting Guide

The *Headlight's* 2000 Hunting Guide will be included in next week's paper as the 2000-01 goose and duck season begins Oct. 28th.

If you or your company would like to be included and have not been contacted, there's not much time! Since the "Guide" must be at the press by Monday afternoon, Oct. 23, you must contact the *Headlight* by

Friday afternoon, Oct. 20, at the very latest!

Remember, the *Headlight's Hunting Guide* is distributed for an entire year by the Chamber of Commerce and during the hunting season by any advertiser requesting extra copies.

Give Carol or Jeannine a call at 979-234-5521 if you would like to be included in this year's edition.

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NEWSBRIEFS

E.H. Henry Alumni to meet tonight

The E.H. Henry Alumni will hold their regular meeting Thursday, Oct. 19, at 6:45 p.m. at White Cloud Baptist Church. All alumni are urged to attend.

Study Club Auction set for Oct. 28

The 21st Annual Study Club Auction will be held Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Community Center. A silent auction will also be held. Start off the evening by enjoying some delicious stew made by the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department and desserts by the Ladies Auxiliary. A Victorian Doll House drawing will be held. Purchase your tickets now for \$5 each. Only 150 will be sold. We hope to see you at this most worthy event benefitting the Wintermann Library.

Halloween Carnival scheduled for Oct. 29

The Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance is hosting a Halloween Carnival for all young children in the area and their families Sunday, Oct. 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. at 304 E. Stockbridge (Christ Episcopal Church) in Rev. Steven Whitfield's backyard. Safe and exciting things are planned to make this a special night for area youngsters. A costume contest will be held and there will be 21 game and food booths and lots and lots of prizes.

RHS Junior Class BBQ set for Oct. 22

The Junior Class of Rice High School will hold a barbecue sausage dinner Sunday, Oct. 22, at Austin's Barbecue and Catering. Plates are \$6 each. Dinners pre-purchased may be picked up at the Garwood School from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or Sheridan School from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Contact any member of the Junior Class for tickets.

GMOBC to honor Rev. Kiser on anniversary

Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church (GMOBC) will honor Rev. and Sister R. Kiser on their 18th year anniversary with GMOBC Sunday, Oct. 22, at 2:30 p.m. at GMOBC. Guest speakers will be Revs. Coby Shorter and A.J. Jones. The public is invited.

We need your blankets, sweaters, glasses!!

Alpha Delta Phi is beginning a blanket and sweater drive to support families in need of extra warm clothing and blankets as winter approaches. They are also collecting old eye glasses for the Lions Club International drive to help promote eye health. Any old glasses will do. You may take your donations to Deborah Reed at Lake Motors, Monday through Friday during regular business hours. For further information, call Reed at 979-234-2601.

Czhlispietl XXVIII set for Oct. 27-29

Czhlispietl XXVIII will take place in Flatonia Friday through Sunday, Oct. 27-29. Admission is \$2 per day for adults; children 10 and under are free. Parking is free. There will be lots of music, cook-offs, contests and games for young and old alike. Czhlispietl "where good friends come to meet!" For more information, call 361-865-3920 or czech us out at flatofc@techisp.net or at www.flatonia.tx.com.

CCEC looking for volunteers

The Colorado County Education Cooperative (CCEC) is presently looking for surrogate parents to represent school age children in areas of special education. If you are willing to volunteer a small portion of time to make educational decisions, act as advocate for a child, and go through a short training, please call 979-732-6478.

Mandate for America is Nov. 2

Spread the word... Nov. 2, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. (CST), "Mandate For America," a prayer event for our nation's leaders, will be underway. One week before the Presidential Election, join as believers from across the country unite in prayer for our nation's leaders and their impact on the youth of America. Log on to this live web cast event at your office, home or church featuring special musical guest and keynote address by Ron Luce, President/CEO, Teen Mania Ministries. For more information, visit the web site at www.teenmania.com

Health Fair is Oct. 28 in Wharton

Plan to attend a Health Fair at Heartstone in Wharton Saturday, Oct. 28, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Flu shots will be available for \$10 each or bring your Medicare Part B card and receive it free.

Senior Friends mystery trip is Oct. 25

Sign up for the Senior Friends Mystery Trip. It will be Wednesday, Oct. 25. Cost is \$55 per person. Call Carol at 979-282-6090 to reserve your place.

Antiques Festival set for Oct. 28-29

It's time for the Annual Antiques Festival at the Bellville City Park. Come see the antique garden decorations, architectural pieces, quilts, Texana memorabilia, furniture and glassware. The Brass Oomph Pa Band will provide entertainment Saturday, Oct. 28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Festival is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entrance fee is \$3.50 for both days. For more information, call 979-865-9116; or visit <http://www.bellville.com> and click on "Antiques Festival".

Mt. Moriah celebration is Oct. 22

You're cordially invited to the 93rd birthday celebration of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Alleyton. We thank you in advance for your consideration. The Anniversary Service is Sunday, Oct. 22, at 4 p.m., with Pastor Barbara Miller, St. Paul United Methodist Church, San Antonio, guest speaker. Pastor and host is Larry Davies.

GMOBC drama to be presented for Oct. 28

The Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church (GMOBC) Mission Department will sponsor a drama at the church at 709 N. Lake Ave. in Eagle Lake Saturday, Oct. 28, at 7 p.m. The title of the drama is "The King Is Coming." Come enjoy this evening with us.

Does your child have a special need?

If anyone has a child, birth through 21 years of age, who they feel may have a special need, please contact the Colorado County Education Cooperative at 979-732-6478 or your local school district: Columbus ISD, 732-5704 or 732-5276; Rice CISD, 234-3531; or Weimar ISD, 979-725-9504.

Fall Blood Drive is Oct. 23 in Wharton

Don't miss the Fall Blood Drive at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton Monday, Oct. 23, in the classrooms. Set up a time to give the gift of life by calling Carol Wooten at 979-282-6090.

Lions Club BBQ set for Oct. 29

The Eagle Lake Lions Club Barbecue chicken dinner will be held Sunday, Oct. 29, at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center (golf course). Serving is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$5 a plate.

(See Newsbriefs, Page 10)

Wharton blanks Raiders for first loss

Friday's game between the Rice Raiders and Wharton Tigers was a typical Friday the 13th for the Raiders. Wharton managed less than 100 yards of offense, but still squeaked out an 11-0 win in front of 4,000 fans at Wharton's Homecoming.

The game also was a reunion of the 1950 Tiger state championship team. The Raiders fall to 6-1 on the year and 2-1 in district play.

The game was a defensive struggle for both teams all night. The Raiders managed only 126 yards of offense against a quick Tiger defense.

Conrad Diggs, the district's leading rusher, did pile up 78 yards rushing, bringing his season totals to 1,027 yards and 11 touchdowns.

The Raiders threatened three times inside the Wharton 30 yard line. But costly penalties, mistakes and questionable calls turned back all scoring threats.

Meanwhile, the Raider defense had a stellar performance, only giving up 98 total yards of offense to the Tigers.

The "organized chaos" defense held college recruit and running back Tristan Gordan to 29 yards on 12 carries.

Wharton only had to drive six total yards for both their scores; both coming as a result of an offensive turnover and a special team's blunder.

Coach Russell Roark gave Defensive Player of the Week honors to the entire Raider defense.

Special Team Player of the Week went to Quentin Whitfield for a blocked punt.

Center Jacob Little garnered Offensive Player of the Week honors.

John Rucka and Adrian Espinosa got Gatorade All-Round Players of the Week.

Roark stated, "This loss really hurts. We pretty much gave the game away to them on two critical mistakes deep in our own territory. Our next challenge is to rise up again this week and get back on the winning track. Our goal hasn't changed a bit, we want to get to the playoffs and let the chips fall where they may."

Roark also voiced his concern

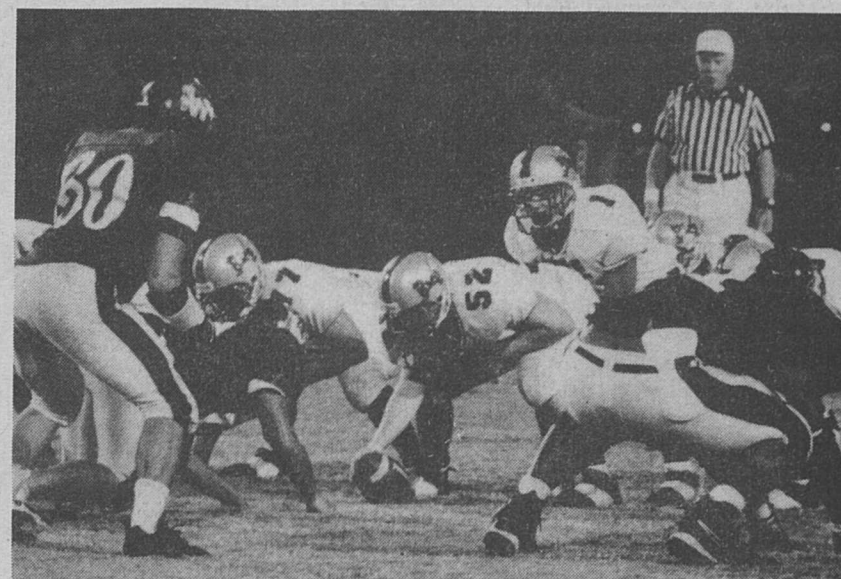
about injuries in the game. He noted that Quarterback Patrick Milentz's injury doesn't appear to be as serious as first thought. He is listed as day-to-day.

All-everything tackle Norris Powell's prognosis was not as kind. He was diagnosed Saturday with a hair-line fracture in one of the small bones (metatarsal) in his foot. He will be out of action two to four weeks.

Luckily, the Raiders, have an open date Nov. 3, which will allow some of their injuries to heal.

The Raiders host Sweeny this Friday at 7:30 p.m. Show your support as we lead the Raiders to the 2000 playoffs!

Editor's Football Notes: Rice's Conrad Diggs is tied for the lead in total yards rushing in the statistics for 3A and smaller schools compiled by *The Chronicle*. That publication gives him credit for 1035 yards with an average of 12.5 yards per carry. (See Varsity, Page 12)



Junior wide receiver Ben Ortiz, #1, took over the signal-calling during the last few minutes of Friday's game in Wharton after the Raiders' starting quarterback, Patrick Milentz, received a vicious blow in the third quarter, injuring his right shoulder. Milentz is listed as day-to-day, according to Rice coaches.

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City's sales tax rebates still behind 1999

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander last week sent \$212.5 million in local sales tax revenue to 1,106 Texas cities and 119 counties. Oct. sales tax rebates are up 20.8% compared to Oct. 1999. Year-to-date, sales tax rebates to cities and counties are up 9.2% compared to 1999.

The City of Eagle Lake received a rebate in the amount of \$11,323.91, 17.35% higher than the \$9,648.96 received last Oct. Year-to-date, the City has received \$122,250.33, down 5.41% from the \$129,247.32 total for the same time last year.

The sales tax rebates Rylander delivered include \$195.7 million to Texas cities, up 21% compared to Oct. 1999. Texas counties received Oct. rebates of \$16.7 million, up 19% compared to a year ago.

In addition to city and county sales tax rebates, \$75.7 million went to Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit systems, and \$7.2 million was paid to 54 special

purpose districts.

Rice Hospital District, one of the state's special purpose districts, received \$7,066.31, down 2.76% from the \$7,267.62 received last Oct. Year-to-date, the Hospital District's rebates are running 10.98% behind 1999.

Oct. sales tax rebates represent sales tax collected in Aug. and reported to the Comptroller in Sept. Retailers who file quarterly sales tax reports have not yet reported their Aug. sales, so the results of Texas' second annual Sales Tax Holiday are not yet known. The Comptroller will calculate Sale Tax Holiday results in early Nov.

For details of July sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the *Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Report* on the Comptroller's web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html

Other cities in the Eagle Lake area, the amount of their sales tax rebate this

month along with the change from the same month last year are:

Columbus, \$61,384.38, up 28.52%; Weimar, \$13,295.60, up 41.80%; Sealy, \$71,034.33, down 11.87%; Bellville, \$29,533.80, +15.53%; El Campo, \$169,688.31, up 36.50%; and Wharton, \$99,056.46, +59.60%.

Year-to-date for the above cities and the change from last year are: Columbus, \$636,275.91, -2.34%; Weimar, \$128,280.67, +4.64%; Sealy, \$910,651.34, -9.37%; Bellville, \$365,526.75, +15.62%; El Campo, \$1,670,053.83, +7.81%; and Wharton, \$931,220.65, +9.09%.

On the county level, Colorado County received \$50,942.39, up 10.85%. Austin County received \$59,378.20, up 2.14%. Wharton County received \$127,568.96, up 20.71%.

Year-to-date figures for these counties are: Colorado, \$515,724.88, down 3.42%; Austin, \$714,142.22, -7.76%; Wharton, \$1,225,669.27, +14.04%.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 10.

First Baptist Church celebrates 125 years

First Baptist Church (FBC) observed its 125th Anniversary Sunday, Oct. 8. A special Sunday morning service was held with a catered lunch following.

Former pastors and youth ministers returned to Eagle Lake to participate in the services.

Dr. Henry Adrien served as pastor at FBC from 1961 to 65. He has retired after 43 years in the ministry, including 10 years as Director of Church Services for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

David Mann was pastor from 1988 to 1997. Currently, he is Missions Coordinator for the Coastal Plains Baptist Area.

Raymond Woodruff was pastor from 1969 to 73. He now serves as Staff Chaplain at the Dominguez State Jail in San Antonio.

Andy Pate was pastor at FBC from 1953 to 54. He retired from the pastor-

ate at FBC Katy in 1979 and now lives in Ingram, near Kerrville.

Also attending the celebration and leading in the services was Dr. Stanley Irwin who was youth minister in 1962 and 1963. He is currently Professor of Voice and Director of University Choirs at DePauw University in Indiana.

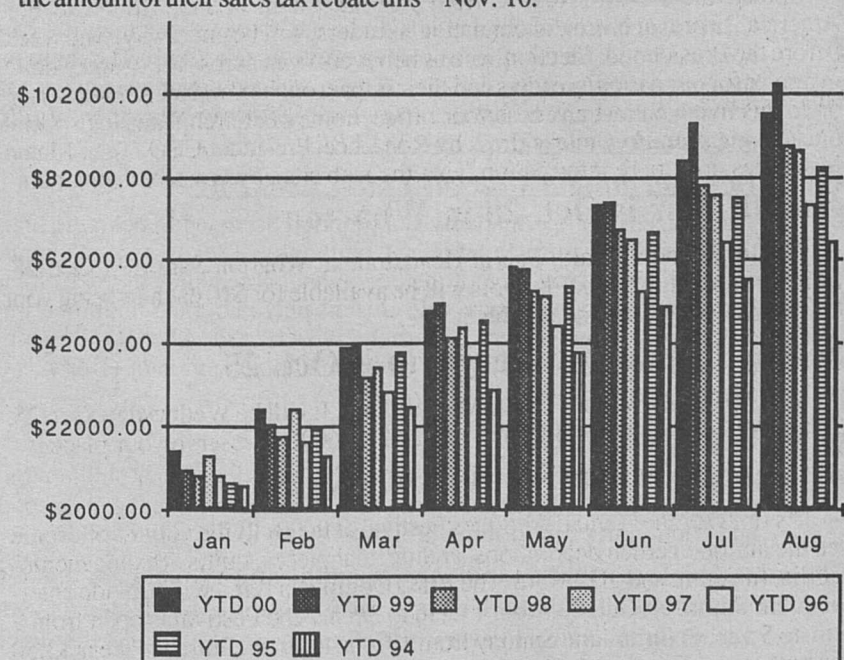
Dr. George Gaston served as Youth Minister in 1967 and Interim Pastor in 1998. He was pastor of Pioneer Drive Baptist Church in Abilene and is now assistant vice-president for Spiritual Development and Community Outreach for the Memorial Hermann Healthcare System. Dr. Gaston presented the sermon Sunday morning.

State Rep. Robby Cook was in attendance Sunday to present a proclamation to FBC from the Texas House of Representatives in honor of the (See Anniversary, Page 4)



State Rep. Robby Cook, at left, presented a proclamation issued by the Texas House of Representatives to Rev. Brent Beasley in honor of First Baptist Church's 125th Anniversary.

FBC Photo



The year-to-date totals for Eagle Lake's sales tax rebates are charted according to the month the tax was collected, not the month the rebate was received.

MAIN STREET MATTERS

By Venetta Seals, Program Manager

Fire insurance - are you sufficiently covered?

La Grange, Mineola, Rusk, Luling and Goldwaite have all had fires in their downtown areas this year. The first three cities are also Main Street Cities that have made wonderful progress in their downtown revitalization efforts. Unfortunately, these fires did not spare them from heartbreak.

At least one fire, in Luling, has been ruled arson. Another fire was the result of combustible chemicals stored in a building. No matter the cause of the fire, the result is the same - irreversible destruction.

Historic downtown areas with many historic buildings are prime targets for fires. Historic buildings often have old wiring and old breakers with too many "things" plugged into a single outlet.

Cleaning fluids in a box in the corner are often forgotten for years.

Once a fire has started, it usually affects one or more neighboring buildings and/or businesses. The fire that destroys *your* business may very well have started in the building next door.

Should a fire happen, sufficient fire coverage can make the difference in whether your building and/or business will be replaced.

In Rusk, the building housing the second oldest continuous pharmacy in Texas caught fire and was completely destroyed. Although there was fire coverage on the building, it had not been updated for many years. The cost to replace the structure and its contents *now* is not what the building and business were originally insured for.

At this time, there are no plans to rebuild. Not only has Rusk lost a wonderful historic building, but a longstanding, reputable and viable business has been lost as well. The (See Main Street, Page 4)