

Munoz family needs your help, prayers

Our prayers and thoughts are with Thomas Munoz, son of Pete and Yolanda (Morales) Munoz, originally of Eagle Lake.

Thomas was recently diagnosed with cancer and is now beginning the first stages of chemotherapy. With many challenges and obstacles facing both Thomas and his family, the family of the Munoz' are asking for your

support. They ask that Thomas and his family be in your prayers.

A barbecue fund raiser is being planned in order to help the family with finances. Please help support Thomas and his family during their time of need.

For more information or any graciously appreciated (See Munoz, Page 10)

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NEWSBRIEFS

'Re-tire a tire' clean-up set for Saturday, Sept. 8

The "Friends of Main Street" community-wide "Re-tire A Tire" clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in front of City Hall. Standard size car tires without rims will be accepted for \$1.25 each. Larger tires and/or tires with rims will be accepted for a higher fee. For more information, call the Main Street Office at 979-234-6933.

Rotary Club needs your help

When Hurricane Mitch struck the Latin American country of Nicaragua, 11,000 people lost their lives. Since then, survivors have been faced with the monumental task of rebuilding their country. They've been able to plant and harvest a crop using small hand tools. A grand accomplishment, but not near enough to sustain them. The Rotary Club of Eagle Lake has taken on the project of supplying two tractors, one 8-foot disk and a tank mounted on skids to carry diesel. We're hoping to have these items donated, work with the local high school FFA to refurbish the equipment and then ship it to the farmers in Nicaragua. If you have any of this equipment and are willing to make such a donation (tax deductible), please contact Rev. Bill Ramsey in Lissie at 979-234-2112 or 234-3779.

'Pink Ladies' Games Party is Sept. 11

The Rice Medical Center (RMC) Auxiliary, the "Pink Ladies" are having their annual Games Party fund raiser Tuesday, Sept. 11, in the fellowship hall of the United Methodist Church from 2 to 5 p.m. Come play dominoes, Canasta, Phase 10, Skip-Bo or bring your favorite game. There will be a bake sale, along with a pink elephant sale. Come and enjoy the fellowship. Tickets are \$5; light refreshments will be served. Tickets are available from Pink Ladies or in the gift shop at RMC. This will also be the first showing of the "Girls on the Go" tennis player 18-inch doll, complete with a wardrobe. The doll and wardrobe have been donated by Betty Wilcox. Tickets are \$1 each. The drawing for the doll will be held Dec. 6, just in time for Christmas. Tickets for the doll will be available at the games party first, then from Pink Ladies or in the gift shop.

Fair Parade scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 15

Entries are being sought for the 23rd Annual Colorado County Fair Parade to be held Saturday, Sept. 15, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in downtown Columbus. First, second and third place ribbons will be given in each category. A special rosette "Best Overall" will be awarded the most outstanding entry. Anyone not having received an entry form in the mail may pick one up at Gibson's Muffler Shop, 318 Walnut (Hwy. 90) in Columbus. Entry forms and additional information are also available by calling Parade Chairman Wade Gibson at 979-732-6345 or 732-8718. The deadline to enter the parade is Tuesday, Sept. 11, no exceptions.

Senior Citizen's Dance is Friday, Sept. 7

The public is invited to a Senior Citizen's Dance, a place to meet old and new friends, Friday, Sept. 7, 8-11 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Music will be provided by Tim Kulhanek. Admission is \$5 per person. For more information, call 979-234-3795.

Attention Mini-Campers!

Participants in the Rice Cheerleaders Mini-camp are reminded to be at the football game Friday night at 6:30 p.m. for practice. Campers will cheer during the second quarter of the Rice/Hallettsville game. Wear your blue Rice shirt and bring your pom-poms if you have them!

WCBC 86th anniversary is Sunday

White Cloud Baptist Church (WCBC) invites the public to its 86th Church Anniversary, Homecoming and Family and Friends Day Sunday, Sept. 2, at the church starting at 3 p.m. Speaker for the day will be Rev. P.L. Barrow of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Spear. O. Rhodes is the pastor at WCBC.

Does your child have a special need?

Do you have a child or know of a child age birth through 21 years old who you feel may have a special need? Please contact the Weimar/Rice Consolidated ISD Educational Cooperative at 979-732-6478. Let's work together toward that child's future.

Friendship Baptist Church to install pastor

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church will hold an installation service for their pastor, Rev. Harold O'Neal Williams, Sunday, Sept. 9, at 3 p.m. The public is invited.

Thrift Shop to be open Saturday, Sept. 8

You are invited to stop by the Prairie Edge Museum Thrift Shop on Saturday, Sept. 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Stop by and check out the merchandise. You never know what you'll find at the Thrift Shop. Note: Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the Thrift Shop has moved its sale days from the first and third Saturday to the second and fourth for Sept. only.

GED class start Sept. 4

GED classes will start Tuesday, Sept. 4, at the Eagle Lake Middle School library. Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call Lois Raabe at 234-3501.

Medical Explorer Post meeting is Sept. 12

Gulf Coast Medical Center (GCMC) is sponsoring a Medical Explorer Post to help young men and women explore future opportunities and prepare them to make choices about careers in the medical profession. Students ages 14-20 are invited to attend an orientation meeting Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 6 p.m. in the GCMC classroom. Members of the Explorer Post will have the opportunity to learn about and experience the many aspects of the medical profession by talking to experts in the field, participating in hands-on projects and taking field trips. For more information, call Nancy Chapman at 979-282-6178.

Habitat meeting is Sept. 4

Colorado County Habitat for Humanity meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 4, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Columbus. Everyone is welcome.

No trash collection for Sept. 3

The City of Eagle Lake offices will close Monday, Sept. 3, for Labor Day. The Monday garbage route will be collected Tuesday, Sept. 4, and the Tuesday route will be collected Wednesday, Sept. 5.

Evolution Center now open

The Evolution Center is open from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Tae Kwon Do classes are held Tuesday and Thursdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 979-758-4972.

2001 Kolache Bake Show is Sept. 8

The 2001 State of Texas Kolache Bake Show will be held Saturday, Sept. 8, in Caldwell. Persons throughout Texas are invited to share their talents and (See Newsbriefs, Page 10)

Raiders 'smoke the turkeys' in Cuero

The Rice Raiders varsity football team, behind a potent ground attack, chewed up the highly regarded Cuero Gobblers in a final tune-up scrimmage last Thursday night at Cuero.

The evening got started on a positive note when the number one offense marched 132 yards in its first 15 plays.

The Raider starting defense then came on the field for 15 plays and stuffed Cuero's winged-T attack to 38 total yards.

Overall, the mighty Raider offensive line led the way for a big offensive outburst.

The speedy Raiders amassed a powerful 477 yards in rushing on 59 carries. That equates to an impressive 8.1 yards per play!

On a quiet passing evening, Raider quarterbacks also chipped in 37 yards in the air.

Coach Russell Roark noted, "Our offensive line is beginning to gel as a unit. They have a chance to be the best we've ever had around here."

"Our backups on the line are pretty solid as well. We have some sophomores who are really stepping it up a notch."

For the night, the stingy Raiders defense forced four key turnovers including another interception by stand-out cornerback Jessie Upson.

The defense held the Gobblers to less than 200 yards of total offense in 78 plays.

Senior all-around player Jerry Cleveland (linebacker) made a strong debut after a summer bout with pneumonia.

Starting flanker Ben Ortiz, who has been out due to an appendectomy, will also return to the lineup very soon.

These two key starters should give a boost to an already explosive line up. Individually, the Raider rushing

attack racked up yardage from: Conrad Diggs, 16 carries, 123 yards; Gerald Williams, 15 carries, 107 yards; Charles Huffman, four carries, 92 yards; Michael Spears, five carries, 52 yards; and, Jerry Cleveland, four carries, 31 yards.

There were also several other young backs who got the opportunity to carry the pigskin.

"We're pretty pleased with the scrimmage, since Cuero whipped up on us pretty bad last year. This year, we took it to 'em like pit bulls on a pork chop," Roark kiddingly added.

The state-ranked Rice Raiders open their 2001 season at Raider Stadium Friday, Aug. 31, at 7:30 p.m.

Come show your spirit for what looks to be an exciting year at Rice!



All the 'i's dotted and 't's crossed

Raymond Ellison, at left, new owner of Lake Motors in Eagle Lake, toasted the finalization of "all the paperwork" last Thursday, Aug. 23, with Virginia, Tom and Deborah Reed, previous owners of the business. The dealership will now be known as Ellison Chevrolet and Cadillac.

Headlight Photo by Carol Nelson

Eagle Lake's sales tax rebate was up 13% +

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander recently delivered a total of \$292.1 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,110 Texas cities and 119 counties. Aug. payments were up 6% compared to Aug. 2000. Year-to-date, payments to cities and counties

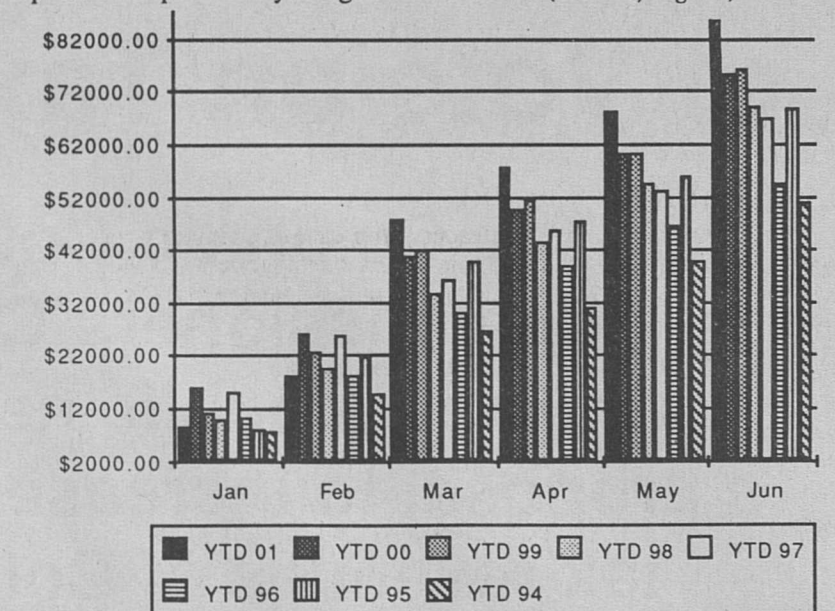
are running 5.5% ahead of 2000.

The City of Eagle Lake received a rebate of \$16,912.80, up 13.40% from the \$14,913.17 received last Aug.

The sales tax rebates Comptroller Rylander delivered included \$270.2 million to Texas cities, up 5.9% com-

pared to Aug. 2000. Texas counties received Aug. rebates of \$21.9 million, up 6.3% compared to a year ago.

In addition to city and county sales tax rebates, \$95.6 million went to Texas (See Tax, Page 10)



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.

One more time!

Sunday, Aug. 12, Paula Richardson of Eagle Lake took her dynamic voice to Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the 2001 Gospel Music Workshop of America.

If you remember, last year she went to New Orleans where she auditioned for a lead solo on the GMWA Women of Worship Recording.

On that project, she was the lead for the song, "For Who You Are".

This year, Richardson auditioned

again. "This time the competition was a lot harder, but God was good to me," said Paula.

The song she led this year was "Let Your Praise Fill This House". Look for the finished project in late March or early April.

Richardson would like to thank all those who sent donations, luggage, prayers and love. Everything given was definitely needed.

"A special thanks goes to Patricia and Roderick James. They know exactly what they did. Thanks to those who called to say they were thinking about me or wish me the best. My sister and I thank you," said Paula.

To God be the glory for all the things He has done!



Paula Richardson

Nathan Building gets rehabilitation



Building owner Vivian Metzger received \$250 from Eagle Lake Main Street Program Manager Venetta Seals. The monies, made available through Main Street's Economic Incentive Grant and funded by the Southwestern Bell 2000 Economic Excellence Grant, is for replacing the second floor windows in the Nathan Building located at 103 E. Main.

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By Venetta Seals, Eagle Lake

Main Street Program Manager

Much work is taking place inside the Nathan Building, downtown at 103 E. Main.

On the first floor, original lumber from the building is being brought back to life by replanning. It will then be used to make a counter.

Bathrooms with ADA accessibility are being added and beadboard is being replaced.

And, on the second floor, an apartment is taking shape.

Renovations take time and are costly. Building owner Vivian Metzger has been working diligently for the past three months on the many renovations and there is still work to be done.

Installing the windows on the second floor made an enormous improvement to the building and all of Eagle See Rehab, Page 10)