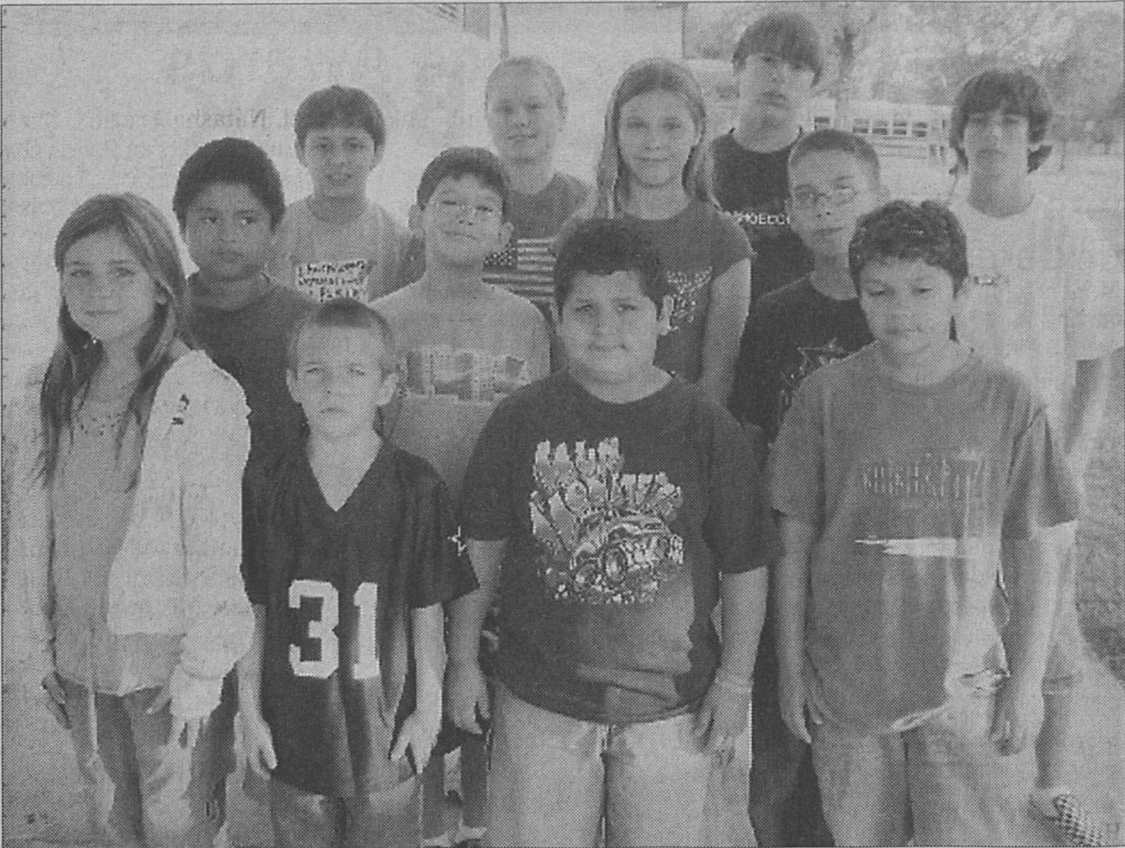




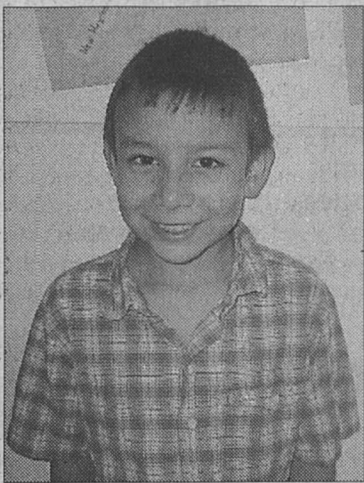
These students pictured were recognized as having attained the highest scores for the 1st six weeks of school in either the Accelerated Reading Program or the Accelerated Math Program. Front row from left; Brittany Moore, Blake Robinson, Brandon Rodriguez, Adrian Torres; middle from left; Jorge Labrador, Jacob Miller, Kaitlyn Tesch, Joseph Kazmir; back from left; Douglas Beck, Amber Dunn, Spencer Spencer, Ryan Moore.

Sheridan Students Honored

Thirteen students from Sheridan Elementary and Jr. High School were recently for their accomplishments.

The students pictured achieved the highest the highest scores in their classes in Accelerated Math and Accelerated Reading for the first six weeks.

They were treated to a Hamburger Combo from the Dairy Delite in Combo from their work.



Proud Reader - Sheridan School 3rd grader, Aaron LaBarge, smiles proudly as he took top honors in his class in the Accelerated Reader Program for the 1st six weeks of school.

LCRA Waste Collection Oct. 21

It's time for Colorado County residents to begin searching their cabinets and garages for unwanted home chemicals.

LCRA invites Colorado County residents to rid their homes of paints, lawn and garden pesticides and herbicides, batteries and chemicals for free by bringing them to a one-day household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, Oct. 21. The collection will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Colorado County Fairgrounds and Agriculture Complex at Crossroads Boulevard and State Highway 71 near Columbus.

The collection is part of an ongoing effort by LCRA, the state and local communities in the region to help protect water quality by encouraging the reduction, recycling and reuse of hazardous wastes in the home.

As part of the Colorado County collection effort, a product exchange center also will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to allow residents to swap reusable home chemical products such as paint, cleaners, lawn and garden products and more.

At the collection, LCRA will accept and recycle materials including scrap passenger tires, lead-acid batteries, used motor oil, oil filters, antifreeze, latex paint, and electronics. In addition, LCRA will properly dispose of hazardous materials that cannot be recycled.

Residents also can participate in the Adopt-A-Barrel program, a community fund-raising campaign sponsored by the Colorado River Foundation in support of the household hazardous waste collection. Through this program, businesses, individuals and organizations can make tax-deductible donations to help recover the costs of collecting and properly disposing of household hazardous wastes.

In addition, LCRA is coordinating with school districts throughout

Sales Tax Payments Down 12 Percent

Sales Tax payments to the City of Eagle Lake in October \$13,952 were \$19,495, a decrease of 12.89 percent from last October, figures from the state comptroller show.

So far this year in Weimar, sales tax payments have totaled \$179,228, a decrease of 8.02 percent from the same period last year.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said today the state took in \$1.51 billion dollars in sales tax in September, a 13.7 percent increase over September 2005.

Strayhorn sent \$415.5 million in monthly sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 14.3 percent compared to last October. So far in 2006, local sales tax allocations are 14.7 percent ahead of last year.

September state sales tax collections and October allocations of local tax revenue represent sales that occurred in August.

Strayhorn sent sales tax allocations of \$282.6 million to Texas cities, 14.4 percent more than October 2005. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are up 14.2 percent. Texas counties received October sales tax payments of \$25.4 million, up 17.6 percent compared to a year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 16.5 percent higher than last year.

The half-cent sales tax rebate for Colorado County was up 6.65 percent, with a payment of \$62,631.

For the year in Colorado County, the payments totaled \$737,283, and increase of 8.22 percent.

In Fayette County, the half-cent sales tax was up 18.26 percent, with a payment of \$83,715.

For the year in Fayette County, the payments totaled \$868,158, an increase of 9.87 percent.

Checks sent to area cities for October with changes from last year are as follows:

Columbus - \$74,368, up 4.86 percent; for the year, \$813,711, up 2.17 percent.

Weimar - \$19,495, up 1.70 percent; for the year, \$230,252, up 8.42 percent.

Schulenburg - \$45,621, up 24.80 percent; for the year, \$440,585, up 15.82 percent.

La Grange - \$102,315, up 15.44 percent; for the year, \$1,058,640, up 9.90 percent.

Flatonia - \$12,923, down 8.46 percent; for the year, \$145,262, up 11.71 percent.

Hallettsville - \$69,681, up 17.33 percent; for the year, \$688,760, up 10.58 percent.

For details of October sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site.

The Comptroller's next local sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, Nov. 10.

DIABETES AND YOUR MOUTH

Diabetes, a rapidly growing disease in the United States, poses particular oral hygiene concerns for those who have it. Diabetics get gum disease at a rate higher than that for people who do not have the disease.

Once a gum infection has started, it's harder for the diabetic to keep his or her blood sugar level under control. It is important to tell your dentist about any medical conditions you may have, including diabetes. He will be able to give you the best advice about how to keep your gums and teeth healthy.

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October 17

- 1931: MOBSTER AL CAPONE WAS CONVICTED OF TAX EVASION.
- 1933: ALBERT EINSTEIN ARRIVED IN THE UNITED STATES AFTER FLEEING NAZI GERMANY.
- 1979: MOTHER THERESA WAS AWARDED THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.

How they SAY it in...

English: CRUST
Spanish: CORTEZA
Italian: CROSTA
French: CROUTE
German: KRUSTE

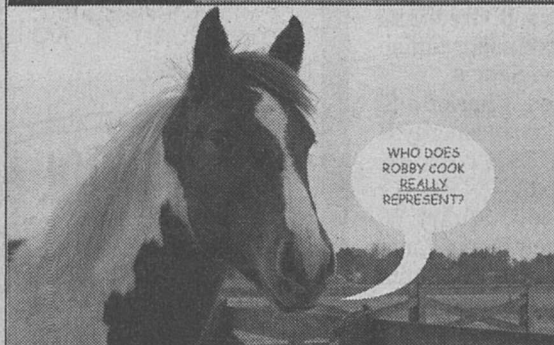
The incumbent's campaign slogan says he is "For Rural Texas." Tim Kleinschmidt knows that you want more than just a slogan. Tim Kleinschmidt is a lifetime resident of Lee County. He is a local attorney, who, with his brothers, owns several hundred acres of ranchland in Lee County, operating a crossbred cow-calf operation. The incumbent participates in a rice farming venture that has received millions of dollars in government subsidies, but he is on the payroll of a utility company to perform "community relations."

On the issues important to the rural areas of District 17, the choice is clear.



ANIMAL TAGGING

Tim strongly opposes the registration and animal tagging program. It burdens farmers and ranchers, costs too much money, and creates a bloated bureaucracy. Robby Cook and the Texas Legislature made a mistake in passing the law. The proposed program is far too broad, gives too much power to TAHC, invades your privacy, and puts the cost of the program too much on the farmer and rancher. State Representative Robby Cook failed to protect your rights! We need to repeal the Registration and Animal Tagging Law now.



OUR WATER

Tim understands that water is a precious resource and he will protect that resource. Robby has close ties to utility companies that want to sell Colorado River water to San Antonio and he wrote the bill, HB 1629, allowing it to happen.



OUR LAND AND LIFESTYLE

As a lifelong resident, Tim knows that our land and quality of life are why we live here. Tim knows the Trans Texas Corridor is a bad idea for this part of Texas. Robby voted for the Trans Texas Corridor before he decided he was against it. Texans just like John Kerry, his fellow Democrat.

ELECT Tim Kleinschmidt

For STATE REPRESENTATIVE

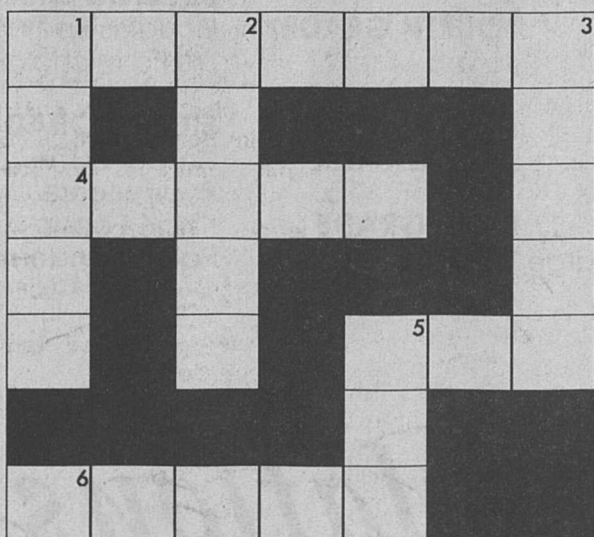
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Early voting is October 23 through November 3. Election Day is Tuesday, November 7.

Pizza Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

- Pizza toppings
- Lots of flavor
- Name for round food
- Edge of cooked dough

CLUES DOWN

- Peppery and sauce-topped food
- Basil-based sauce
- One piece of a pie
- Cooking vessel

Answers
Across
1. Peppers 4. Zesty 5. Pie 6. Crust
Down
1. Pizza 2. Pesto 3. Slice 5. Pot

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