

Extension Honors Area Women For Service

By Sally Garrett, County Extension Agent - Family and Consumer Sciences
At the February meeting of the Colorado Extension Education Association (EEA) council meeting, Shaw's Bend EE club was recognized for its 60 years of

continuous service. The club, which was founded in February 1947, was recognized with a Certificate of Merit. Charter members Marjorie Brune and Alvina Poenitzsch were on hand for the awards presentation, along with club member Kathryn Haluska.

After the Colorado County EE council meeting, the 2007 Women of the Year were honored at a Valentine's Day Social.

This year's winners, who were nominated by their peers for their outstanding service to their community and their club, were: Beverly Tuck, Happy Homemaker's EE Club; Esther Rhodes, Shaw's Bend EE Club; Margurite Barton, Weimar Caring Hearts EE Club; and Lillian Gohlke, Sheridan Go-Getters EE Club.



2006 Women of the Year award winners receive recognition at the February Extension Education Association meeting and social. From left to right: Beverly Tuck, Happy Homemaker's club; Esther Rhodes, Shaw's Bend club; Margurite Barton, Weimar Caring Hearts club; Lillian Gohlke, Sheridan Go-Getters club.

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UMC Slates Lenten Bible Studies

United Methodist Church (UMC) of Eagle Lake will hold Bible Studies on Wednesday nights during Lent from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Our Neglected Voices...

Sometimes we simply give-out and yearn for renewal.

Sometimes we forget that our Savior 'stands at the door' of our hearts, knocking.

Sometimes we forget that "we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses"

To encourage and renew a right spirit within us.

The Lenten Study entitled "Neglected Voices" by John Indermark can help! A group of us will gather on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. to break bread together and explore the witness of some biblical characters whom you might not have heard of before; for example: Shiphrah and Puah, Simon Magus, Phoebe, and Baruch. They have much to teach us about our journey of faith, especially during the Lenten Season.

The cost of the study is \$10, plus you can drop in a donation for our snacks. We will be led by Robbin Clipson and we will be done by 7:30 p.m.

Sign up by calling or coming to the UMC, Eagle Lake office Monday thru Friday between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

Hope to see you in the Chapel on Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent at 6 p.m. before the Ash Wednesday Service.



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Shaw's Bend Club members receive Certificate of Merit for 60 years of service from Colorado County Extension Education Council. From left to right: Kathryn Haluska; Majorie Brune, charter member; Alvina Poenitzsch, charter member.

Sales Tax Payments Up For Year

Sales Tax payments to the city of Eagle Lake in February were \$19,735, a decrease of 0.40 percent from last February, figures from the state comptroller show.

So far this year in Eagle Lake, sales tax payments have totaled \$35,875, an increase of 2.04 percent from the same period last year.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said the state collected \$1.76 billion in sales tax revenue in January, up 12.9 percent compared to January 2006.

Combs sent \$609.4 million in local sale tax to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 6.4 percent compared to sales tax distributions to local governments in February 2006.

January state sales tax collections and February's local sales tax allocations primarily repre-

sent sales made in December, but also include earlier sales by businesses that report sales tax to the Comptroller on a quarterly or annual basis.

The half-cent sales tax rebate for Colorado County was up 4.83 percent, with a payment of \$86,670.

For the year in Colorado County, the payments totaled \$166,888, an increase of 6.90 percent.

In Fayette County, the half-cent sales tax was up 11.96 percent, with a payment of \$118,979.

For the year in Fayette County, the payments totaled \$203,958, an increase of 10.52 percent.

Checks sent to area cities for February with changes from last year area as follow:

Columbus - \$109,531, up 2.93 percent; for the year, \$191,746, up 6.54 percent.

Weimar - \$30,645, up 2.46 per-

cent; for the year, \$51,384, up 5.74 percent.

Schulenburg - \$54,807, down 3.63 percent; for the year, \$92,675, down 0.67 percent.

La Grange - \$124,054, up 2.07 percent; for the year, \$230,964, up 3.72 percent.

Flatonina - \$18,125, down 23.54 percent; for the year, \$31,714, down 18.69 percent.

Hallettsville - \$87,845, up 6.21 percent; for the year, \$163,084, up 9.51 percent.

For details of February sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html.

The Comptroller's next local sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, March 9.

Unemployment 3.5 Percent In County

The unemployment rate for Colorado County for December 2006 was 3.5 percent, figures from Texas Workforce Commission show.

For December in Colorado County, 10,139 persons were employed and 371 seeking work.

The figure compares to statewide unemployment in December, 4.1.

For Fayette County, unemployment was 2.8 percent, with 11,767 persons employed and 343 looking for jobs.

For Lavaca County, unemploy-

ment was 2.8 percent, with 10,403 persons employed and 303 looking for jobs.

For Wharton County, unemployment was 4.1 percent, with 20,263 persons employed and 856 looking for jobs.

Hajovsky Joins Angus Association

Jerry Hajovsky, of Sheridan, is a new member of the American Angus Association (AAA). The AAA, with more than 34,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef cattle registry Association in the world.

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clude detailed information on more than 14 million registered Angus.

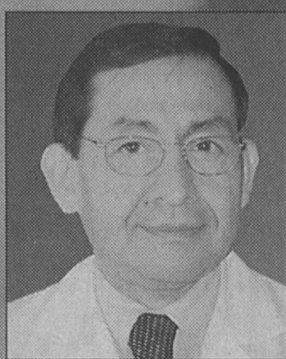
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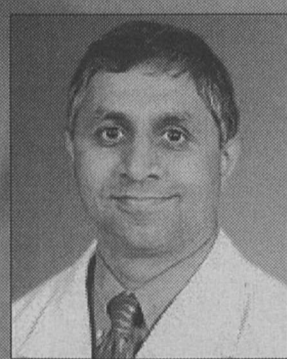
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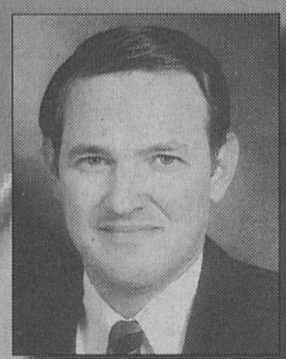
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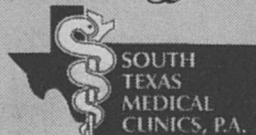
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