

NEWSBRIEFS

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need to be present and turn in equipment.

MMBC to present program

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church (MMBC) of Alleyton will present a Women's Missionary program on Sunday, September 30 during the 9 a.m. morning worship service. Guest speaker will be Loretta Davies of San Antonio. The public is invited. For more information call 713-303-4371 or 281-342-7557.

TWDB public seminars set

Groundwater Conservation Districts, a public information seminar, will be presented by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). The seminar will be offered at 7 p.m. in Columbus, Eagle Lake, and Weimar. The dates and locations include: Thursday, Oct. 4, Weimar City Municipal Building; Wednesday, Oct. 10, Eagle Lake City Municipal Building; Thursday, Oct. 18, Colorado County Services Facility in Columbus. The presentations are hosted by the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District temporary board of directors.

Lions Club to hold BBQ dinner

The Eagle Lake Lions Club will hold a BBQ Chicken dinner on Sunday, October 7. The cost is \$7 per plate. Serving from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Golf Course.

Mentz picnic set for Oct. 7

The 153rd Annual Mentz picnic will be held at St. Roch's Church, Sunday, Oct. 7. Holy mass at 10 a.m. Serving of the barbecue beef, pork and sausage meal begins at 11 a.m. Dine in or take out. Plates are \$7.50 for adults, children 12 and under, \$3.50 (tea included). Hamburgers starting at 3 p.m. Drive thru line with BBQ and sausage sold at pit by the pound. Auction at 1 p.m. and drawing. Music throughout the day by Texas Legacy-Czech Band. Bingo will be held from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. There will also be a country store, cakewalk and grocery walk.

GVFD Hamburger supper is Oct. 8

The Garwood Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) will hold their hamburger supper at the Garwood Fire Station Monday, Oct. 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. Come and enjoy. Eat in or take out.

Pink Ladies to hold games party Oct. 9

The Pink Ladies of the Rice Medical Center (RMC) Auxiliary will be having their annual games party on Tuesday, Oct. 9. This will be held at the United Methodist Church from 2 to 5 p.m. Come play bridge, phase 10, dominoes or a game of your choice. There will be a bake sale with a lot of goodies. Light refreshments will be served, provided by RMC dietary department. There will be a door prize and also game prizes. Any questions, please call the gift shop at the hospital. They are requesting a \$5 donation to participate in all this. Any Pink Lady has tickets available.

RMCEV Harvest ball is Oct. 13

Rice Medical Center Employee Volunteers (RMCEV) is having their 12th annual Harvest Ball honoring Mrs. Helyn Farris on Saturday, October 13. The tickets are \$30 per person and include prime rib meal, open bar and dance with live music by Tin Star. Social hour starts at 6 p.m. and dance ends at 12:30 a.m. The evening will include a silent auction and live auction. Please help support the RMCEV by purchasing a ticket or sponsorship. All proceeds to go towards lobby renovations and other much need medical equipment for your local hospital. For more information or to purchase tickets please contact Shara Sunderman or Vicky Pavlu at 979-234-5571. Thanks for supporting the RMCEV and your hospital.

GRSBC to hold Anniversary

Greater Rising Star Baptist Church (GRSBC) family and friends homecoming church anniversary to be held Sunday, October 14 at 3 p.m. Speakers are Rev. H.O. Williams of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church and Rev. Truman Scott Sr., pastor.

St. Anthony fall festival is Oct. 14

St. Anthony Church in Columbus will hold their fall festival Sunday, Oct. 14 at the KC Hall in Columbus. Serving of BBQ beef and sausage will start at 11 a.m. Meat to go at the pit and a drive thru line will be available. Adults plates, \$7; children 12 and under, \$3. Adult take home plates will be available-drive thru. Enjoy the kolache breakfast, homemade Mexican food and hamburgers (in the afternoon). Old Tyme Music by Donnie Wavra & The Hi-Liters from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Outdoor music by D.J. Darren Kunz.

Multi-Year reunion planned

Rice High School Classes of 1976-81 are planning a reunion to be held in Eagle Lake on Saturday, October 27, beginning at 3 p.m. Information letters will be going out soon to those whose addresses we have. If you do not receive a letter but would like to participate, contact GayeLynn Thomas 979-234-5693 or gayelynnthomas@sbcglobal.net or Lisa Hoffman 979-758-3933 or thierry@elc.net for more information. Also, we'd like to hear from any graduates of RHS Classes of 1971-75, 82 and 83 who would like to be a part of this event. The class of 1976 can contact Denice Austin Janow at 234-2418 or Carolyn Bowen Baird at 234-5864.

MMBC to hold Gospel Fest

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church (MMBC) of Alleyton will be jamming for Jesus in a Youth Gospel Fest. If you want to jam for Jesus come and get with us. We are looking for gospel choirs, praise dancers, gospel rappers, soloists, drill teams, mimes and spoken word. Call 713-303-4371 or 281-342-7557.

Texas Crop Weather Report

Agricultural Summary for the week of Sept. 24 to 28

Warmer conditions were prevalent across most areas of the state with some cases of frequent showers in Trans-Pecos.

Wheat planting and land preparations were in progress in the Panhandle, Cross Timbers and the Blacklands.

Cotton continued to mature and open across most areas of the state, but frequent rain and cooler temperatures in the Trans-Pecos area slowed the maturation.

Corn harvest was in full swing in the Northern High Plains as it neared completion in the Blacklands and South Central Texas.

Sorghum remained in good condition as harvest continued in the Blacklands, High Plains, and the Edwards Plateau.

Peanuts were in good condition and continued to mature in the Southern High Plains with some reports of leaf spot.

Pecan trees continued to be heavily loaded in the Blacklands, Edwards Plateau and South Central Texas as there were some reports of limb breakage.

Soil moisture was adequate in most areas of the state.

Trans-Pecos received the most rain with 0.10 to 3.0 inches of rainfall.

The Panhandle received 0.01 to 2.0 inches of rainfall.

Cross Timbers received 0.25 to 1.0 inches of rainfall.

South Central and South East Texas received zero to 0.50 inches of rainfall.

The Blacklands received the least amount of rainfall with zero to 0.01 inches.

Hay cutting and baling continued across most areas of the state.

Ranges and pastures continued to be in good condition across most areas of the state.

Livestock remained in good condition in most areas of the state.

Field Crops Report

Small Grains: Wheat planting and land preparation were in progress in the Panhandle,

Cross-Timbers, and the Blacklands. Wheat condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Cotton: Bolls were beginning to open in the High Plains as cotton farmers continued to need heat units to finish this year's crop.

Cotton was looking good in the Northern Low Plains as it continued to mature.

Cotton made good progress and began to open bolls in the Southern Low Plains due to significant heat units Harvest began in most areas of the Blacklands.

Frequent rain and cooler temperatures in the Trans-Pecos area slowed the maturation of cotton.

Scattered showers slowed down harvest in the Coastal Bend.

Drier conditions in South Texas helped accelerate cotton development and harvest in early-planted fields.

Cotton condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Corn: Corn harvest was in full swing in the Northern High Plains. As harvest neared completion in the Blacklands and South Central Texas a wide range of yields were reported.

Statewide, corn condition was mostly good to excellent.

Sorghum: Sorghum remained in good condition as harvest continued in the Northern High Plains.

Grain sorghum continued to mature in the Southern High Plains.

Harvest continued in most areas of the Blacklands as it neared completion.

Harvest continued in the Edwards Plateau as weather permitted.

Sorghum conditions were mostly fair to good statewide.

Peanuts: Peanut harvest be-

gan in the Southern High Plains.

Peanuts continued to mature in the Northern Low Plains with some reports of leaf spot.

Peanut conditions were mostly good to excellent statewide.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

Pecan load caused severe damage to limbs in the Blacklands.

Pecan trees were heavily loaded in the Edwards Plateau as there were some reports of limb breakage.

Pecans continued to look good in the Blacklands.

Pecan growers were having problems with scab in North East

Texas and the Edwards Plateau.

Pecan producers were thinning trees in South Central Texas in hopes of stopping limb breakage due to heavy yields.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Livestock continued to be in good condition across most areas of the state.

Hay production continued across most areas of the state as weather permitted with some reports of increasing quality.

Ranges and Pastures remained in good condition in most areas of the state.

Statewide, range and pasture conditions were mostly good to excellent.

MAXIMIZING DENTAL BENEFITS

Maximizing your dental benefits before January, especially if you've already met your deductible, can save you hundreds of dollars on necessary dental work.

Most plans have a dental maximum that you are allowed per calendar year. If you only used \$500 of a \$1000 dental maximum, you will lose \$500 in benefits that you will never get back. On very extensive treatment plans, it is more cost effective to maximize dental benefits this year, and maximize next year's benefits to save more of your out of pocket expenses. Remember that dental plans help cover the cost of treatment - it will not cover the full cost of the specific treatment you may require.

If you have been putting off your dental work, and want to use your dental benefits, now is the time to call your dentist to make an appointment. Most dental offices get very busy at the end of the year, and you want to allow enough time to complete your treatment. If you have any questions about how to maximize your insurance, call your dental office.

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Colorado County Judge

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term last November and was first elected in 1998.

When contacted about his comments later, Jamison said it may have been his first public comments, but that he had made similar comments privately before this week.

He said he will be 73 at the end

of his current term.

"I make no bones about it, from a practical point, I'm not going to run again," he said. "I'd like to take some trips with my wife," he laughed.

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Harper's has right furniture at right price

Delana Crain has two children and not a lot of time to shop for furniture. The resident of Eagle Lake looked for a long time, but was having a hard time finding the right furniture at the right price.

A friend suggested she look at Harper's Furniture in Sealy and after one trip to the Harper's Showroom, her problems were solved. Harper's spacious showroom full of Ashley Furniture — America's No. 1 selling brand of furniture — offered a great selection, yet still only offered a glimpse into the thousands of pieces available through Ashley's extensive catalogs.

She found the furniture she wanted — a couch and loveseat in the right color, style and material — and it was delivered the next day.

"Not only was the price right, but the fact I did not have to wait three weeks to get my furniture was great," Crain said. "Other places I looked I would have had to wait two or three weeks or they were going to charge an outrageous delivery charge."

Q: Being a mother of two, was it important to you to find the style you wanted as well

as durable pieces of furniture for your home?

A: "Absolutely. Harper's has a good selection of different types of things, representing all the different styles they can get. What I chose was a perfect combination of durable and stylish. I got the exact color and material I wanted. It just happened to be perfect for us."

Q: What do you think of the convenience of being able to shop from a wide selection of merchandise without driving too far?

A: "That makes it all worthwhile and it is so nice when you do not have to go out of town for anything. It makes a big difference."

Q: How was the service at Harper's Furniture?

A: "It was really great. They had answers to all my questions, and they were very friendly and open."

Q: You said a friend recommended Harper's to you?

A: "Yes, and I'm glad I listened. I will go back. Those kinds of recommendations are the best and I will do the same with my other friends."

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