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Kayla Gerik Named 2008 Colorado County Fair Queen

Kayla Gerik of Columbus was selected Colorado County Fair Queen Saturday. Seated, from left, First Runner-Up Stefani Gertson, Fair Queen 2008 Kayla Gerik, Second Runner-Up and Miss Congeniality Falin Braden. Standing, from left, Terri Prihoda, Stephanie Sturm, Brandy Rossignol, Bre'Anna Sutton, Koree Robinson, Kalli Roberts.

NEWSBRIEFS

Narcotics anonymous meetings

If you have a drug or alcohol problem or think you might have one and you want to stop, then Narcotics Anonymous is the solution! Meetings are held every Wednesday night from 8 to 9 p.m. in Columbus. For more information and location, please call 713-858-5162.

Tax office to be closed Friday

The office of the County Tax Assessor/Collector has been informed that it will be necessary for them to attend training by the Texas Department of Transportation in Austin on Friday, Sept. 12. Therefore it will be necessary to close that day. The office will reopen at 8 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 15. They apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions, please call Mary Jane Poenitzsch at 979-732-2710.

Democratic headquarter to open

Democratic Party Headquarters to open Saturday, Sept. 13 at 9 a.m. in downtown Columbus, 1114 Milam Street on the courthouse square. US Congressman Lloyd Doggett along with other Democratic Party candidates will be present for the opening. The public is invited to attend and meet Congressman Doggett and our other candidates. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

PBC 40th anniversary celebration is Sunday

The pastor, officers and members of Providence Baptist Church (PBC) invite you to worship with them in their 40th church anniversary and homecoming service, Sunday, Sept. 14 at 3 p.m. Rev. Joseph Hargrove, pastor of New Greater Smith Chapel Baptist Church Columbus will be the guest speaker. Rev. Coby Shorter, Jr. pastor.

Project Graduation meeting is Sept. 15

Project Graduation 2008-2009 meeting will be held Monday, September 15 at Rice High School at 6:30 p.m. All senior parents are encouraged to attend.

Jr. Fair board accepting new members

The Colorado County Jr. Fair Board is accepting applications for new members. You must be in 9th through 12th grade for the 2008-2009 school year. You must be a 4-H member or FFA member. We need members from Columbus High School, Rice High School and Weimar High School. Applications are due on Sept. 15. Applications are available online at www.coloradocountyfair.org. For application or more information call Kaylee Brune at 979-357-2531 or 979-732-0616.

Band booster meeting on Tuesday

The band booster club will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 6 p.m. in the RHS band room. Officers will meet at 5:30.

Diabetic support group meeting set

A diabetic support group meeting will be held every third Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. at Methodist Fellowship Hall, 200 W. Prairie Street. ALL diabetics and their friends are welcome. The meeting will be held by and for diabetics as a means of support. The meeting will not offer medical treatment and is not affiliated with the Methodist Church. For more information call 234-2853.

Girl scout registration is Sept. 17

Next Wednesday, Sept. 17, Girl Scouts of Central Texas will hold a registration rally for Eagle Lake girls grades K-12 who are interested in learning about and registering for Girl Scouts at the United Methodist Church, 200 W. Prairie from 5-6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts helps girls build the courage, confidence and character they need to make the world a better place. From community service projects to the arts, math and science to outdoors skills, Girl Scouts are discovering the world around them and connecting with others as they go. Under the guidance of dedicated volunteers, Girl Scouts do amazing things. Girls and adults who want to register for Girl Scouts but cannot attend the rally on September 17 should call Gayle Turner, Membership Development Executive, at (979) 865-5087 or visit www.gsctx.org.

Historical commission meeting is Sept. 18

Colorado County Historical Commission will hold a meeting on Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Prairie Edge Museum. The program will be "Clear Creek Cemetery" by Corky and Joye Johnson. Hostesses will be Ernest Mae Seahold, Mary Ann Kaluza, Melvin and Joyce Stancik. Please bring a covered dish meal.

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Colorado County Fair September 11-14

The Colorado County Fair is here and will run from Sept. 11 to Sept. 14 at the Ag Complex in Columbus.

A top-flight entertainment lineup as well as many other activities are scheduled for this year's fair.

The headliner for Friday night is Charlie Robison, while the featured band on Saturday will be Little Texas.

In addition, there are seven other bands and entertainers performing for the fair.

The 30th Colorado County Fair is held at the Colorado County Ag Complex. The 2008 Colorado County Fair and Rodeo features nationally known entertainers, a CPRA rodeo, tractor pull contest, quilt exhibit, needlework hand-crafts, BBQ Cook-off, Carnival Rides, Livestock Exhibits, petting zoo, Lanky the Clown, mechanical bull and much more. The carnival will operate all four days of the fair.

County Oks Budget, Tax Rise

With little discussion, Colorado County commissioners, meeting Monday, approved a \$13.7 million budget and a slight increase in the tax rate.

The action caps several months of budget discussions and hearings.

No citizens addressed the court during a public hearing before the vote.

The tax rate approved is 44.9 cents per \$100 valuation.

That is 1.9 cents above this year's rate of 43 cents per \$100 valuation.

County Auditor Raymie Kana said the increase in the rate, combined with increased property values, will bring in an additional \$828,000 in the coming year.

County tax values total \$1.659 billion, an increase of \$127.2 million over last year.

Commissioners had previously issued \$5 million in certificates of obligation.

To pay \$197,000 in annual debt service will require a 1.9-cent increase in the tax rate, Kana said earlier.

The certificates were issued to pay for \$2 million in courthouse repairs, \$2 million for a new office

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Raiders Get Second Win Of Season

The Rice Raiders notched victory number two on the season with a decisive 35-0 win in Edna last Friday night.

The Raiders defense was stellar on the night, giving up a stingy 76 yards and only four first downs.

Running back Ziggy Foster turned in another stellar performance with 165 yards on 22 carries with three touchdowns.

Quarterback Myles Dumont had good night with two touchdown passes on the night. He was 10 of 18 passing for 162 yards. He also carried the ball for 28 yards.

Receiver Mario Hull caught six passes for 109 yards and a touchdown.

The Raiders got their first score of the night on their second possession of the game.

After Edna punted from deep in their own territory, Rice took over at the Edna 39.

Foster carried for 14-yards and an Edna personal foul on the play moved the ball to the 13-yard line.

On second down, Dumont threw complete to Marquis Toliver for five yards to the 9.

Foster got the ball again on the next play and took it in for the touchdown.

Dumont nailed the extra point for a 7-0 Raider lead with 16 seconds left in the opening quarter.

The Raider defense forced a three and out on Edna's next possession and Rice took over at the Raider 38.

On second down, Foster broke loose for a 23-yard pickup to the Edna 44.

Two plays later, Dumont connected with Hull for 43 yards to the one-yard line.

Foster punched into the end-

zone on the next play for a second touchdown.

After Dumont's extra point, the score was 14-0 with 9:36 to go in the half.

The Raider defense again forced a three and out and Rice took over at their own 40.

On third and nine, Dumont hooked up with Hull again, this time for 15 yards for the first down.

Foster ripped off 11 more yards on the next play to the Edna 35.

Then, Dumont found Hull for nine more yards.

On the next play, Dumont threw again to Hull, this time for a 26-yard scoring strike.

Dumont hit the extra point, making it 21-0 with 6:17 left in the half.

Rice again forced Edna's offense off the field after just three plays, and the offense took over at the six.

Rice pounded the ball on the ground six straight times to push out to the 31.

After a five-yard pass play, Foster rumbled for another 15 yards to the 49.

Foster then caught a pass for four yards and ran for three more.

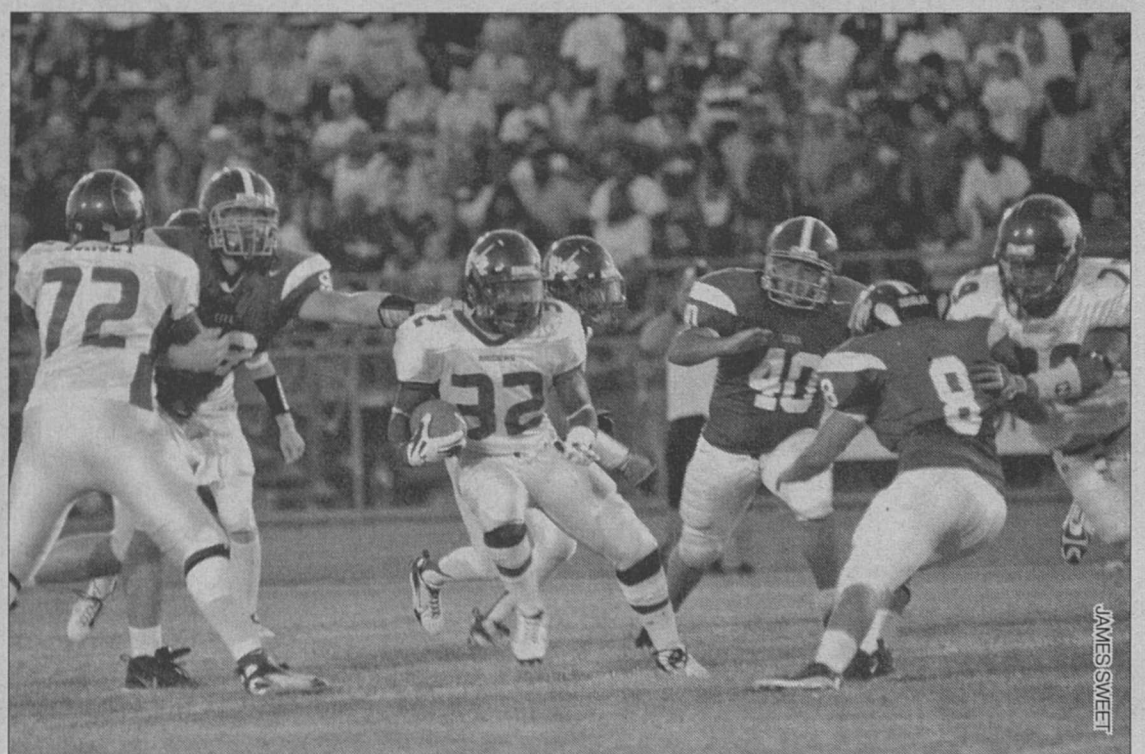
With about 30 seconds left in the half, Dumont charged for a first down on fourth and three to the Edna 37. He spiked the ball to stop the clock.

On the next play, he found Toliver wide open for a 37-yard touchdown.

Dumont made the extra point, and the score was 28-0 with just 13 ticks left until the half.

Rice got the ball at the 35 to

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Ziggy Foster heads through a hole as Chris Dorsey (#72) and Samuel Lugo block for him. The Raiders travel to Sealy this Thursday night. The game has been moved due to Hurricane Ike. All sub-varsity games have been cancelled.



City workers demolished a condemned house at 816 East "C" Street last Thursday morning as part of an ongoing effort to clean up dilapidated properties. A picture of the property before demolition can be seen on page 10.