



Yard of the Month for June is the home of Albert and Hazel Tomchesson at 701 Burns Ave.

June Yard Of Month Named

By Patty Holloway
The Yard of the Month sign is in a "Happy" yard this month. Another Garden Club member told me about this yard and started to describe it and finally said you will just have to see it yourself.

It is the home of Albert and Hazel Tomchesson at 701 Burns Ave. The yard is a happy profusion of many flowers and shrubs. There are pentas, zinnias, cosmos, lantanas, coreopsis, daylilies, angel trumpets, antique roses, hibiscus and azaleas.

In the backyard is a large neatly tended garden with fruit trees and more flowers.

Mr. Tomchesson takes care of the garden and the flowers. He does all of the weeding, planting, and watering.

Oh, did I mention he does all

of this from the confines of an electric wheelchair.

I had a most enjoyable visit with this devoted couple. They moved to Eagle Lake from Cypress, Texas in 1971. They have been married 51 years and raised

four children. They enjoy two grandchildren. When you drive by 701 Burns Ave. you need to drive slowly so you don't miss something in this happy yard that is tended by a happy gardener.

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If a sip of cold water or a bite of ice cream is painful, or if flossing makes you cringe, you may have a condition known as "sensitive teeth." Causes of sensitive teeth can include tooth decay, a cracked tooth, worn tooth enamel or exposed tooth roots.

If a tooth is very sensitive for more than a few days, and reacts to hot and/or cold foods, it is best to visit your dentist to find out the cause.

Recommended treatment will depend on the origin of the sensitivity. The dentist may suggest a special toothpaste, a fluoride gel, or another type of desensitizing agent to help block the transmission of pain from the tooth to the nerve. If sensitivity is caused by a flaw or decay in the tooth, a filling or crown may be needed. If gum tissue has been lost, the dentist may recommend a surgical procedure to cover and protect the root.

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County Looking At Early Budget Info.

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there has been a significant drop in oil and gas values, which will reduce revenue in that area by about \$110,000.

He also noted that declining interest rates have affected the county.

"Additionally, interest rates have plummeted," he said. "Whereas we forecast interest revenue for 2009 to \$212,000, in fact it will be closer to \$25,000."

Jamison noted that commissioners earlier had said they would not support any pay raises this year.

"You are asked not to hire any new employees that have not been previously budgeted," he said. "Furthermore, if you can cut any items from your budget, please do so and notify this office."

Jamison pointed out the current county tax rate is 44.9 cents per \$100 valuation.

"To maintain the current level of service our citizens expect and

deserve," he said that the county might need to increase taxes.

Last year commissioners in-

creased the tax rate by 1.9 cents per \$100 valuation, in part to pay for the debt service on \$5 million

in certificates of obligation the county issued for courthouse repairs, a new annex and road improvements.

County Commissioners

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some of the space in the building at 1117 Travis would be assigned to Texas Parks and Wildlife personnel, who are moving from the sheriff's office.

—Took no action on instituting a ban on outdoor burning, saying that conditions did not yet warrant a ban. Commissioner Darrell Gertson said that persons who are conducting controlled burns should contact the sheriff's office as well as local fire departments.

—Took no action on prohibiting the sale of certain fireworks, commonly called "skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins."

—Heard from commissioner

Herbie Helmcamp on repairs to the courthouse. He said that the dome and installation of copper around the dome was 98 percent complete. He said work on the parapet walls on the roof still needs to take place.

—Approved a policy on payment for employees' use of their private cellular phones for county business.

The new policy will allow the county to pay an employee \$20 or \$40 a month. The money will come from individual department's budgets.

—Approved a request by the Columbus Chamber of Com-

merce to use Beason's Park for an Independence Day celebration on July 4.



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