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On April 28, the Rice Medical Center Auxiliary held their annual salad luncheon and installation of new officers in the fellowship hall of the United Methodist Church. New officers for the years 2009-2011 are as follows from left to right, Mary Faichtinger, first Vice President, Becky Anderson, President, Barbara Pidgeon, Secretary, Janie Crane, Treasurer and Minnie Lee Conner, second Vice President.

Commissioners Approve Burn Ban Continuation

Colorado County commissioners, meeting on Monday, June 22, approved continuing a ban on outdoor burning enacted last week by County Judge Al Jamison because of dry conditions.

"It's so tender anything can catch on it on fire," County Commissioner Darrell Gertson said of condition of grass and vegetation.

Even with the ban, he noted, that fire departments had been responding to calls for grass fires.

Commissioners noted that

signs advising of the burn ban have been posted at fire stations throughout the county and on various roads.

In other action, commissioners:

--Accepted Providence Landing Drive and River Trace road, just north of Columbus, into the county road system. They total about a half-mile.

--Approved appointing County Auditor Raymie Kana to submit claims to the state for unclaimed

money. Kana said she expected the amount the county would receive would be relatively small.

--Went into closed session to discuss a personnel matter, but took no action in open session.

--Presented certificates for continuing education to county commissioners.

--Approved an application of S&S Irrigation to place a 10-inch water or sewer line in the right-of-way of County Road 116 in Precinct 1.

Headlight Single-Copy Price To Go To 75 Cents

Effective on Thursday, July 2, the new single copy price of the Headlight will be 75 cents.

This is the first increase in the single copy price in a number of years and reflects increased operating costs.

Newspapers in Columbus, Sealy, Weimar and a number of area towns already are at the 75-cent price.

NEWSBRIEFS

You can still sign up for Reading Program!

The Summer Reading Program began on Wednesday, June 17. It is not too late for you to sign up your students. The Program is open for Age 4 - 6th grade. The program for July 1 is Mrs. Lesley Carey. It will be a program full of games and fun. Age 4 - 2nd grade meets at 10:30 a.m. and 3rd - 6th grades meets at 1:30 p.m. Come by and sign up your child and let them enjoy a summer of fun reading and entertainment.

Munke/Laux/Oeding reunion update

We wish to announce that at present there are NO plans for a Munke/Laux/Oeding family reunion this year. This is the reunion that is usually held in July. Perhaps we can find a cooler month during which to hold the 2010 Reunion.

7 on 7 selling plates for tonight

The Rice 7 on 7 will be selling chicken spaghetti plates on Thursday, June 25. Plates are \$8 and will consist of chicken spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread and an apple streusel dessert. Tickets are available for purchase at Buc-ee's and Johnny's Sport Shop. Additional plates will be available for purchase at all pick-up locations. Pick up locations are Eagle Lake Junior High (Johnnie D. Hutchins Dr.) from 5-6:30 p.m., drop-off at Garwood Elementary at 5:30-6:30 and Sheridan Elementary from 5:30-6:30.

Fireman's frolic and tractor show set

The Wallis Volunteer Fire Department's Fireman's Frolic is set for Sunday, June 28 at the American Legion Hall in Wallis. There will be a BBQ beef and chicken dinner with all the trimmings from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. A cakewalk and moonwalk are also planned and the big auction gets underway at 12:30 p.m. A grand drawing takes place after the auction. There are 10 great prizes with tickets sold for \$5 or a book of five for \$20. The Brazos FFA Tractor Show also returns for the second year. For information on the tractor show, contact Jayson Hill at 979-478-6012. To donate items for the auction or drawing contact Clay at 979-478-2230, cell 979-885-9990 or Dennis at 979-478-6213, cell 979-481-2106.

PBC anniversary celebration is Sunday

Providence Baptist Church (PBC) invites you to share in the worship service celebrating the 53rd anniversary for Rev. and Mrs. Coby Shorter, Jr., Sunday, June 28 at 3:30 p.m. Rev. Coby Shorter, III, pastor of Rosewood Avenue Baptist Church of Austin will be the guest speaker.

God and country celebration Sunday

The Shepherd's Way Church, 1225 Eagle Lake Road in Sealy will celebrate the birth of our nation with a presentation of God and Country, a promotion of Godliness and Patriotism, at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 28. There will be a collection of songs, hymns, stories and speeches by patriots of the past to celebrate the land that we love. The public is invited to attend. Admission is free. For more information call 979-885-1225.

Holiday Closings

The following businesses will be closed Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day. First National Bank, City of Eagle Lake. The Wintermann Library will be closed Saturday, July 4. The Eagle Lake Post Office will close at noon on Friday, July 3. The Headlight will be open on Friday, July 3.

Senior citizen's dance is July 3

A senior citizen's dance will be held Friday July 3 from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Rabbs Creek Band will provide the musical entertainment. For more information call 979-234-2903.

Wildlife workshop deadline is July 3

A wildlife workshop "Range, Water and Wildlife" will be held on Friday, July 10 at St. Roch's Parish Hall in Mentz. Deadline to register for the workshop is July 3. For more information, please call 979-732-9565.

Firework Show July 3

A fireworks show will be held Friday, July 3 to kick off the Independence Day weekend on Calhoun Road in Eagle Lake. The 11th annual celebration will blast off at 9 p.m. The event is open to the public and admission is free, however, goodwill donations will be accepted. For more information call 979-232-0233.

TAKS Exit retesting set

TAKS Exit Retesting for those students who need to retest will be held Tuesday July 14-17 at Rice High School. Students planning on testing should arrive at 8:15 a.m. so that testing can begin at 8:30 a.m. Testing will be administered according to the following schedule: July 14: English/Language Arts; July 15: Mathematics; July 16: Science; and

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Altair Juneteenth Celebration Held

The Citizens of Altair observed their Fourth Annual Juneteenth Celebration. We are very appreciative of our friends and neighboring communities that came out to support our festivity.

A special thank you is extended to The Columbus, Eagle Lake and Garwood Fire Department and LCRA. They have always been a beacon to our parade.

We would like to recognize our Queen, Jessie Jones, King, Ernest Glover, and Grand Marshall Cynthia Crowder. First Place Ribbon went to The Church of the Nazarene in Columbus with their

beautifully decorated truck. Second Place was Wayne Jones with a creatively decorated truck. The Glover family received first place for their float.

We want to honor and recognize our oldest participant Oda Lee Glover.

Past queens that attended were Marie Glover and Jannet Edwards. All donations that were given to make this celebration a success are greatly appreciated. Mark your calendar to come out and be with us next year. We look forward to seeing you.

Sales Tax Payments Show Sharp Decline

Sales tax payments to the city of Eagle Lake in June were \$15,080, a decrease of 12.44 percent from last June, figures from the state comptroller show.

For the year, payments total \$92,972, a decrease of 5.98 percent.

For June in Colorado County, payments totaled \$65,693, a decrease of 14.38 percent.

For the year in Colorado County,

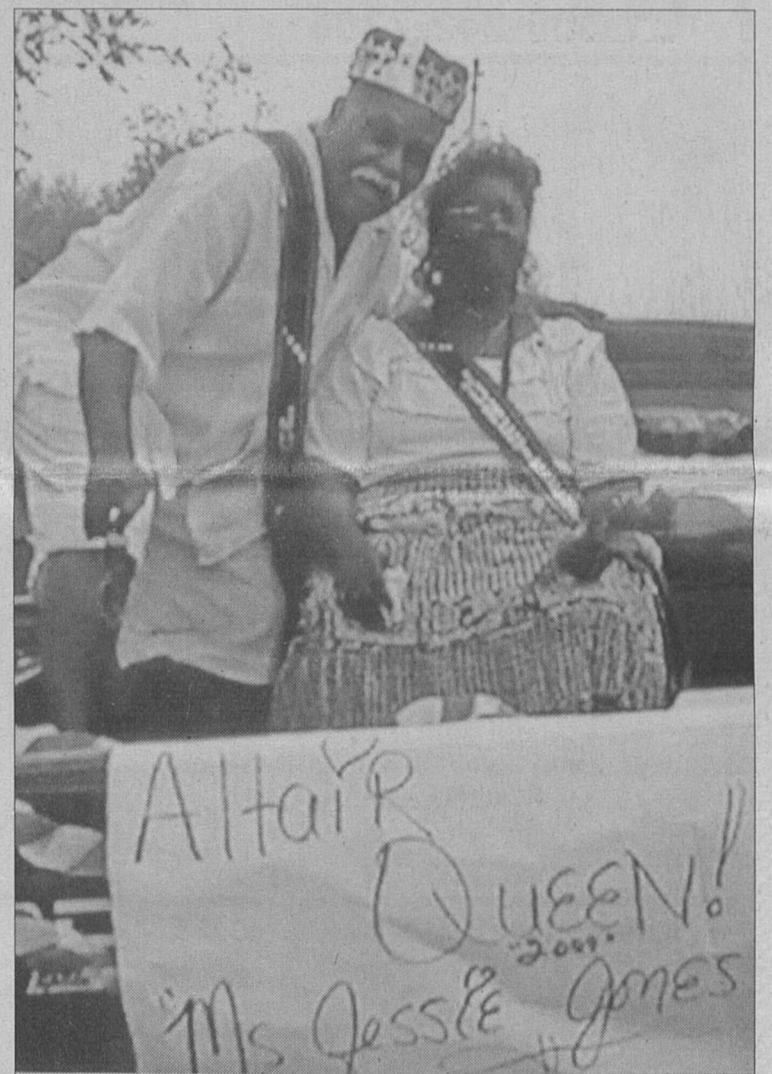
payments totaled \$470,304, an increase of 4.01 percent.

For June in Fayette County, payments totaled \$87,761, a decrease of 24.47 percent.

For the year in Fayette County, payments totaled \$611,850 an increase of 3.26 percent.

May state sales tax revenue and June payments made to local governments represent sales that

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Pictured above are Ernest Glover and Jessie Jones the King and Queen of the Juneteenth celebration that was held Saturday in Altair.



Eagle Lake Fireworks Show Set For July 3

A fireworks show will be held Friday, July 3 on Calhoun Road in Eagle Lake beginning about 9 p.m.

It is the 11th annual celebration and another spectacular production is planned to kick-off the

Independence Day weekend.

The admission-free show will last about 30 minutes and everyone is welcome.

The event is funded by the generosity of individuals, businesses and organizations throughout

the community and all money collected goes directly toward the purchase of the fireworks.

Volunteers indicate a need for additional funds and are seeking new sponsors for the July 3 celebration.

If you would like to help keep this holiday tradition alive, contributions can be made to Eagle Lake Fireworks Show, P.O. Box 69, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434, or call 979-732-0233 for more information.