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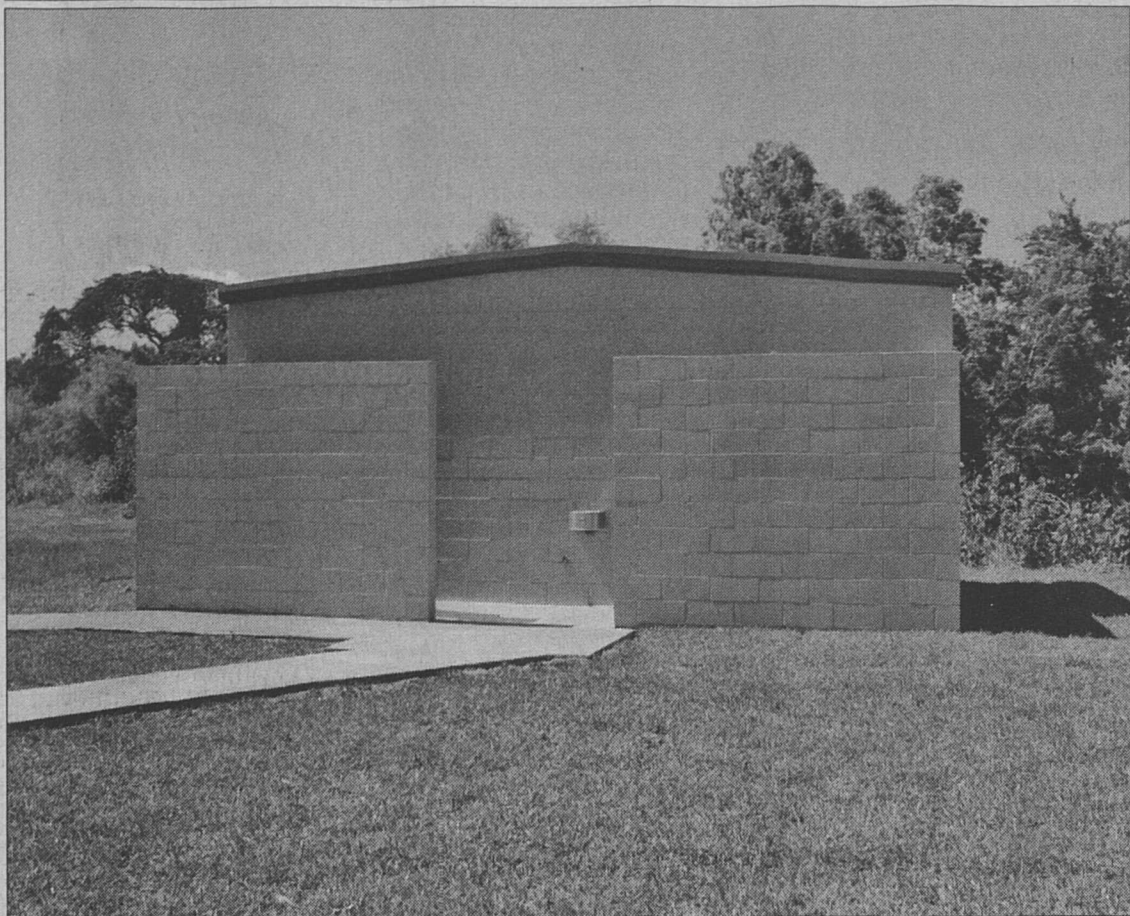
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Work has been completed on the restroom facility at E. H. Henry Park. All that is left is installation of a plaque recognizing the donors who made the construction possible.

Killer Bees Reported On Sheridan Area Ranch

A swarm of what are believed to be Africanized bees was found last weekend in a large hive near Sheridan.

Aaron Keller, who owns the Keller Ranch mile west of Sheridan, was mowing his lawn when he was stung by a bee on the forehead.

Out of fear that it may have been an Africanized bee, Keller quickly left and called a beekeeper to come remove a hive that had been in his bunkhouse for the past 15 years.

He said he and the man who has cattle on the property had known the bees had been there for quite some time, but felt no need to take any major steps to get rid of them.

"I had been up there many, many times," said Keller, "but they had never attacked anybody or bothered anything."

Keller, who lives in Pearland,

said he had tried using commercial insecticides to no avail.

Once the beekeepers arrived on the scene they donned their beekeeping suits and went to search for the hive.

Upon finding the hive, the beekeepers were amazed to find three honeycombs that were 18 inches wide, four inches thick, and six feet tall, the largest hive they had encountered in 26 years.

The beekeepers took pictures of the hive and showed them to Keller.

"When I saw the pictures, it was unbelievable," he said.

"The beekeepers estimated there must have been a couple hundred thousand bees in there."

After examining the hive and the bees, beekeepers informed Keller that the bees were, in fact, Africanized.

Africanized, or more commonly "killer," bees are well known for their aggression and commonly attack in large numbers.

Keller cautioned anybody who gets stung or finds a large hive on their property to call professional beekeepers to remove it immediately.



A very large colony of what are believed to be Africanized honey bees was found recently on a ranch in the Sheridan area. Beekeepers called in to remove the bees said that there were hundreds of thousands of bees in the colony.

NEWSBRIEFS

Program for July 8 at library

The program for the Wintermann Library's Summer Reading Program on July 8 is Mr. Ted Lashley from El Campo. Mr. Lashley is a magician and is returning for his second year. The time of the program is 10:30 a.m. Children will meet in the library and be escorted across the street to the Community Center. If you have not registered your child for the reading program, you still have time to do so. Encourage your child to spend time with a book this summer and go on adventures they have never experienced!

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.

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 Eagle Lake Headlight will be closed on Friday.

Senior citizen's dance is Friday

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.

Firework Show set for Friday

A firework's 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.

Rice 7 on 7 still accepting donations

The Rice 7-on-7 Club is still accepting donations to defray the cost of the 2-day event scheduled for July 9-10 at Texas A&M. Any help is appreciated. Funds raised help with the tournament entry fee, lodging and meal expenses. Donations can be made at the First National Bank of EL or contact Brad Dumont at 234-6343.

Wildlife workshop deadline is Friday

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.

Mt. Olive Musical July 11

Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church (GMOBC) will be having their family and friends musical on Saturday, July 11 at 6 p.m. For those who would like to sing in the choir, there will be a choir rehearsal on July 11 at noon. The church anniversary will be on Sunday, July 12 at 3 p.m.

Dance Saturday in Sealy

The Sealy Dance Club will host a public dance Saturday, July 4 at the American Legion Hall in Sealy from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Music will be provided by "Lazy Farmers". The theme for this dance will be "Red White and Blue". Put on your flag shirts and dresses and be ready to dance. Every dance is a big party and fun time. Open to the public. Free cake, coffee, sandwiches, chips, dips, and door prizes. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For information call 979-885-3489.

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. Student 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 July 17: Social Studies. Tests will be given to those students who have taken TAKS Exit, but who have not yet met the state standard.

Gospel musical is July 17

The E.H. Henry High School Alumni will present a Gospel Musical on Friday, July 17 at 6:30 p.m. The musical will take place at Greater Rising Star Baptist Church, 580 Old Altair Rd. For more information call Aberleen Lemons at 979-256-7971.

Falls and Balance workshop planned

The Council for Health Education and Development along with the Houston Galveston Agency on Aging will present a four hour workshop focused on falling, direct and indirect costs of falling, the four basic strategies in fall prevention, intrinsic and extrinsic reasons for falls, the five major fall risk factors, and the five skills for better balance. The workshop will be held at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Center. *Continued on page 10*

State Rep. Kleinschmidt To Have Roaming Office

In an effort to reach all of the residents and business owners of District 17, which includes Bastrop, Brazos (part), Burleson, Colorado, Fayette and Lee Counties, Representative Tim Kleinschmidt has established a roaming district office schedule.

Effective July 1, 2009 the staff of Representative Kleinschmidt will visit each county during the first week of every month.

The July schedule is as follows: Thursday, July 2, Lee County Courthouse Room 109, 10 a.m.

to 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.;

Friday, July 3, Burleson County Holiday;

Monday, July 6, Bastrop County Courthouse, 2nd Floor Annex Conference Room, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 1 to 3 p.m.;

Tuesday, July 7, Colorado County Courthouse, County Court Room, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 1 to 3 p.m.;

Tuesday, July 14, Brazos County Administration Building, Room 115, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 1 to 3 p.m.

Sales Tax Holiday Set For August 21-23

Great news for back-to-school shoppers.

For the first time since it began in 1999, the annual August sales tax holiday will include many school supplies.

"A lot of families look forward to saving their hard earned money during the sales tax holiday weekend," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said.

"Now they can make their back-to-school budgets stretch even further because more than two dozen school supply items will be tax-free."

House Bill 1801 identifies school supplies priced less than \$100 that will be exempt from state and local sales tax for the tax-free weekend.

Pens, crayons, calculators, notebooks, rulers, scissors and lunch boxes are a few of the items on the list.

These items are in addition to school backpacks and most clothing and shoes priced less than \$100 that are already tax-free the weekend of Aug. 21 thru 23.

The Comptroller's office is

sending information to retailers about implementing the expanded sales tax holiday.

Headlight Price Increase Goes Into Effect

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.

City Council Accepts Year 2008 Financial Audit

The Eagle Lake City Council accepted the annual audit for fiscal year 2008 during their regular meeting on June 23.

The audit was given an unqualified opinion by the auditors, Stephenson and Tricek, P. C., meaning there were no problems with the reporting in the audit.



The Annual 4th of July Fireworks Show is Friday night, July 3, at the usual place on Calhoun Rd. The show will kick off around dark.