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Collect new sales tax on services

State Comptroller Bob Bullock reminded information and credit reporting businesses that they should be collecting the new sales tax on services now.

"Anyone who's not sure if they should be charging the new sales tax ought to give us a call," Bullock said, adding, "we've got guidelines about who should be collecting it."

Examples of taxable information services include newsletters and mailing lists; scouting reports and surveys; financial market reports; data retrieval and research (such as stock quotations and court cases); newsclipping services and wire reports; and multiple listing services.

Some services that are not taxable are polygraph testing, account bal-

ance information, seminars and information sold to a newspaper, radio or television.

Any business relaying a credit report by telephone, in writing or by computer should be charging sales tax for that service, Bullock said.

Credit reporting businesses should also know that sales tax applies to some out-of-state customers. If an out-of-state customer who does business in Texas requests a credit report on someone applying for credit in Texas, then tax is due on the service.

These services and others became taxable October 1, when a new law passed by the Legislature went into effect.

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as manager of the local office of LCRA.

Tommy was a man who was always willing to serve and assist his fellow man, regardless of race or creed. Testimony to this fact were his many endeavors to uphold these ideals. He spent countless hours in leadership, work and planned roles at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center where he became an expert golfer and was always willing to share his talent with youngsters; in behalf of the Richbelt Ducks Unlimited chapter which he helped found and where he was auctioneer for many occasions; Eagle Lake Study Club, also serving as auctioneer for the club's annual li-

brary benefit; Eagle Lake Masonic Lodge where he was a longtime member and a past master; as a director of Colorado Valley Shrine Club; the American Legion Post 108; Eagle Lake area VFW Post where he was a life member, commander and other official positions and as state district deputy for the VFW organization. Under Tommy's leadership in the VFW, that organization contributed to many, many civic, service and youth activities in the community, and also paid tribute annually to deceased veterans.

He was a long-time member and worker in the Eagle Lake Rotary Club where he was a past president. He also

was president and director of the Eagle Lake Community Center for many years. Tommy had served as election judge in this voting precinct for many years and also was active in the political scene serving as a precinct chairman, all indicative of his continued desire to serve where needed. He also continued key roles in the community as fire marshal for the city of Eagle Lake and was a very active supporter of the fire department, ambulance corps and in city police and sheriff departments.

He held membership in Christ Episcopal Church, but Tommy could be found frequently assisting and participating in church-related activities of churches of all faiths in the

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community. His family is a great supporter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and Tommy took an active role in social and benefit functions to support the CF Foundation, the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital and Burns Institute and the Knights of Columbus Deaf Community Fund.

In lieu of usual remembrances the family requests contributions be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Every person touched by Tommy's life of generosity and kindness joins in extending heartfelt sympathy to the family in the great loss of this loved one. He shall be remembered as one who dedicated his life to his family, country, community and friends while living life to the fullest.

Firemen, guests enjoy 1987 Christmas banquet, dance

Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department's annual Christmas banquet was held on Saturday of last week. Welcoming the guests was L.J. "Sonny" Spaniel, fire chief, with Melvin Stancik reciting the invocation. A large crowd enjoyed the delicious meal of turkey and dressing prepared by Mrs. Annie Broesche and staff.

Presentation of new officers, mascots and new members and awards presentation were given by chief Spaniel. Mrs. Dorothy Jones, president of the firemen's ladies auxiliary, presented the auxiliary's officers and mascots.

New officers for 1988 include L.J. Spaniel, chief; T.J. Smith, first assistant chief; Mickey Kochwelp, second assistant chief; Ronnie Miller, major training coordinator; Melvin J. Stancik, secretary; Pete Canaris, treasurer; Chuck Stephens, captain co. number one; Michael Rucka, lieutenant co. number one; Ray Obenhaus, captain co. number two; Darrell Gertson, lieutenant co. number two; Thurston Webb, captain co. number three; Gary

Glaizer, lieutenant co. number three; David Baird and Stacy Mueller, racing team captains; Todd Mathews, mascot; pension board, John Brasher, one year; Bryan Johnson, two year; and Mickey Kochwelp, three year; T.J. Smith, chaplain; Gary Tise, Ray Ullrich, Bryan Johnson, membership committee; Harold Raabe and Sam Pirtle, maintenance supervisors.

Past officers were L.J. Spaniel, chief; T.J. Smith, first assistant chief; Mickey Kochwelp, second assistant chief; Ronnie Miller, major training coordinator; Melvin J. Stancik, secretary; Pete Canaris, treasurer; Chuck Stephens, captain co. number one; Michael Rucka, lieutenant co. number one; Darrell Gertson, captain co. number two; Gene Jones, lieutenant co. number two; Thurston Webb, captain co. number three; Gary Glaizer, lieutenant co. number three; Michael Rucka and David Baird, racing team captains; Chuck Stephens, mascot; pension board, Mickey Kochwelp, one year; John Brasher, two year, and Bryan Johnson, three year; Buddy Mascheck, sergeant at arms; Clark Powers, chaplain; Michael Rucka, Gary Tise, Bryan Johnson, membership committee; Harold Raabe and Sam Pirtle, maintenance supervisors.

T.J. Smith gave the history of the fire department, as well as the total number years of service and total number hours during the year 1987. Total fires attended by the members include: Pete Canaris, 69; Gary Glaizer, 70; Mickey Kochwelp, 35; Buddy Mascheck, 50; Ronnie Miller, 40; Sam Pirtle, 32; Michael Rucka, 43; Thurston Webb, 57; David Baird, 19; Bryan Johnson, 14; Kerry Porter, 39; Chuck Stephens, 49; Gene Jones, 17; L.J. Spaniel, 54; John Brasher, 38; Bobby Marsalia, 31; Ray Obenhaus, 44; Gary Tise, 20; Johnny Prarak, 25; T.J. Smith, 34; Melvin J. Stancik, 37; Darrell Gertson, 43; Howard Wilkerson, 25; Harold

Mascots for the 1988 year are, from left, Todd Mathews and Robyn Rucka. Outgoing mascots are, from left, Candace Polach and Chuckie Stephens.

Raabe, 10; Floyd Toliver, 4; Ray Ullrich, 20; Chris Sommerlate, 23; Lupe Almanza, 23; Jeff Argo, 23; Joel Garcia, 1; Temple Thomas, 3; Stacy A. Mueller, 4; Clark Powers, 1; James S. Billings, 2.

With 30 active firemen on roll, they handled 22 fires in town and 59 fires out of town. Total number of fires for each month included: December 1986, 1 fire; January 1987, 7; February, 4; March, 5; April, 12; May, 4; June, 3; July, 2; August, 11; September 13; October, 12; November 7.

Of the in town calls, six were house fires (121 man hours), two mobile home vehicles (43 hours), five vehicles (25 hours), three grass, trash and rubbish fires (11 hours), three commercial fires (32 hours), one fuel pump fire near storage barn (7 hours), and four false alarms (12 hours).

Out of town calls included two

Causey receives masters

Paul Causey received his Masters of Public Administration from Texas A&M University in a commencement ceremony Friday, December 11.

During his masters program, Paul was honored by the Texas City Management Association as a Clarence Ridley Scholarship recipient. He was a member of Pi Alpha Alpha (a public administration academic society) and he graduated with a 3.9 grade point average. Paul's emphasis of study was economic development and his studies have been published by the Political Science Department.

Paul has been accepted in the Political Science PhD program at Texas A&M University. He will be employed by the Texas Engineering Extension Service. He will coordinate trainings for public employees.

Paul, his wife Sue, and daughters Morgan and Mackenzie are formerly of Eagle Lake.

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