\$130,000.00

\$110,000.00

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obs in the last year. Home sales were

The City of Austin's payment of \$9.2 million ranked as the fourth high-

est rebate, 8.6% over the \$8.4 million

Ft. Worth's \$6.6 million sales tax

rebate was 3.6% above the \$6.3 mil-

lion for Feb. 1994. Arlington received

\$6.5 million, a 3.1% increase over the

Worth-Arlington area added 1,600

obs in the past year for a solid 6.2%

was \$4.7 million, not quite 1% above

"The construction sector in the Ft.

The Feb. sales tax rebate to El Paso

Other cities in our area, their sales

tax rebates this month, along with the

change from this month last year are:

Weimar, \$14,420.45, -0.15%;

Sealy, \$50,736.55, +11.38%;

Bellville, \$27,897.95, -6.28%;

and Wharton, \$112,946.07, -6.79%.

El Campo, \$162,753.24, +0.68%;

Year-to-date totals (based on the

Columbus, \$83,122.85, +10.65%;

Weimar, \$23,460.98, +5.77%;

Sealy, \$89,194.88, +14.43%;

Bellville, \$46,615.35, +5.30%;

On the county level, Colorado

Wharton County received

Continued from Page 7

El Campo, \$282,872.37, +8.40%;

Columbus, \$49,823.31, +6.97%;

delivered in Feb. of 1994.

same period last year.

ncrease," Sharp said.

ip 14.8% from 1993," Sharp said.

PROGRAM CAR... Our Price \$9,99500

1993 Chevy Corsica Blue, with options. 2 To Choose From! USED CARS & TRUCKS...

\$16,99500 1994 Chevy Astro Van CL Loaded! 10,000 Miles. Priced Reduced to... 1992 Chevy Lumina Gray; Loaded! 48,000 Miles! Priced Reduced to...

1991 Chevy 1/2-Ton Pickup V-6; Low Miles!

\$6,99500 1990 Olds Cutlass Supreme +Doc SOLD & Owner \$5,42500 1987 Dodge Caravan SE Fully loaded, Good for family. We finance!

1983 Olds 98 Regency Real Clean! W SOLD

FINANCE!

Texas in celebrating Texas Public Gott.

Tuesday, Feb. 28. The public is urged community.

Rotary is engaged in a special

The Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and

Defensive driving course set

youth center on Prairie Street.

CCA Board to meet

World Day of Prayer

Chili cook-off March 5

club for their eyeglass fund.

cakes and sausage.

1986 Olds Cutlass Supreme 4-Door. We finance!

1990 Cutlass Supreme SL One Owner. SOLD

"Home of Award Winning Service"

· Chevrolet · Geo Oldsmobile • Cadillac 323 S. McCarty Eagle Lake

Rice Consolidated ISD joins more educational process at work, accord- Eagle Lake Primary School,

Parents and local residents are pal, is planned at each of the schools Garwood School, Thursday,

Great pancakes and good causes from the pancake supper will be used you can buy them at the door at the

to come by between 5-7 p.m. to pur- You can buy advance tickets from The Rotary Club hopes to see you

than 1,000 school districts throughout ing to Superintendent Dr. Richard Monday, Feb. 27, 6 p.m.;

Schools Week, Feb. 27-March 3, with A special "Open House", provid-day, Feb. 28, 6 p.m.;

invited into the classroom to watch the according to the following schedule: March 2, 6 p.m.; and,

will be served at the annual Eagle to support this project, as well as the same low price of \$3.

chase a delicious \$3 supper of pan- Ticket Chairman Robert Griffith or there!

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to abolish sub-standard living and over-crowded living conditions within communities. For more information call 234-5129 or 409-732-2347 or 409-

purchase and raise for their county fair projects; heifers, steers, lambs, rabbits,

The Prairie Edge Museum is in need of historical memorabilia from Altair

and from Sheridan for display cases in the museum. Materials from the hotel

in Sheridan or old advertising such as calendars would be appropriate for the exhibits. Anyone having material to donate, please contact Curators William Harrison Sr. or Rollin Baker.

South Texas Girl Scout Council is looking for Girl Scout alumnse! No

natter where you were a Girl Scout, no matter when, they want to hear from

you. Events are being planned to gather all former Girls Scouts for a reunion.
Please call 409-297-5556 or 800-952-5556 to sign up. No obligations or fees

contact George Morgan at 409-798-8464 or Cathy Duhe at 798-8575.

Presbyterian Church of Eagle Lake. The theme is "The Earth is the House for

meeting and dinner on Thursday, March 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the Boss' Steak

chicken spaghetti supper sponsored by the Garwood Association of Parents on

Saturday, Feb. 25, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wintermann Library. To register call sighted.

instructor for Driving Safety Services in Eagle Lake. The course will be

409-234-5411 or 1-800-285-8297 at any time. Walk ins are welcome.

Garwood School chicken spaghetti supper

school sign. For more information call Sandy at 234-7371.

House in La Grange. The public is invited to attend.

All People". The public is invited to participate.

FFA and 4-H members at the Wharton County Youth Fair.

Just in time for 'spring cleaning'

Prairie Edge needs memorabilia

Were you a Girl Scout?

Brazoria 4-H looking for fair projects

Habitat for Humanities to meet March 7

Rotary Pancake Supper next week

an array of special events planned ing parents the opportunity to visit

LAKE MOTORS, INC.

Open House at Rice CISD Schools

with their child's teachers and princi- March 1, 6 p.m.;

Lake Rotary Club Pancake Supper on various other worthwhile causes in the The Boy Scouts will be selling soft Protect yourself

project this year. In cooperation with other civic clubs, Rotary is building a Festival offers wildlife, arts, historic tours

other youth organizations need to place a meet that is designed around their special purposes. The proceeds of Eagle Lake are joining with several organizations to present the first-ever Attwater's Praintheir special purposes. The proceeds of Eagle Lake are procedured in the first-ever Attwater's Praintheir special purposes. The proceeds of Eagle Lake are procedured in the first-ever Attwater's Praintheir special purposes. The proceeds of Eagle Lake are procedured in the first-ever Attwater's Praintheir special purposes. The proceeds of Eagle Lake are procedured in the first-ever Attwater's Praintheir special purposes. The proceeds of Eagle Lake are procedured in the first-ever Attwater's Praintheir special purposes. The proceeds of Eagle Lake are procedured in the first-ever Attwater's Praintheir special purposes. The proceeds of Eagle Lake are procedured in the first-ever Attwater's Praintheir special purposes. The procedured in the first-ever Attwater's Praintheir special purposes are procedured in the first-ever Attwater's Praintheir special purposes. The procedured in the first-ever Attwater's Praintheir special purposes are procedured in the first-ever Attwater's Praintheir special purposes. The procedured in the first-ever Attwater's Praintheir special purposes are procedured in the first-ever Attwater's Praintheir special purposes are procedured in the first-ever Attwater's Praintheir special purposes.

March 2 at 6 p.m. Take out plates will be available at \$5 for adults and \$3 for Authority's Lakeside Water Division call the Eagle Lake Chamber of

children 12 and under. Desserts will be 50¢. The dinner is a fund raiser for the school sign. For more information call Sandy at 234-2781.

pumping facilities at Lake Eagle Commerce, 409-234-2780.

Lake. The Houston Audubon Society

Se Hablá Españo 409-234-555

Eagle Lake Middle School, Tues-

Sheridan School, Wednesday,

The residents of Eagle Lake are rie Chicken Festival featuring a week- The festival is being held in honor

their pictures taken with them.

•The Lower Colorado River

and the LCRA are cooperating to

provide birding tours in the area,

which contains prime bird habitat.

Bird watchers will be able to view

birds in the wild from LCRA's

ing tours of Eagle Lake, arts and crafts

The festival will also feature driv-

Experts on wildlife will present

Hwy. 90-A about 60 miles west of

"watchable wildlife" unit.

various informative programs.

Eagle Lake.

\$7,49500

\$9,59500

\$6,39500

\$3,49500

Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. in the City Council gram with volunteers working with cities are: Eagle Lake War on Drugs is a positive caring adult in their lives. group of concerned citizens who are According to statistics released in ready to take an active role in activities 1992, alcohol is the most widely

ministration offices at 409-234-3531

appropriate for company needs.

Houston Zoological Gardens, Na-

Police

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ing bills and invoices:

The festival will be Friday, March best known for its courtship "dance"

24, through Sunday, March 26, and during the mating season, which lasts

*Attwater's Prairie Chicken Na- Co-sponsors of the festival in-

tional Wildlife Refuge, an 8,000-acre clude the Eagle Lake Chamber of

refuge made up of native prairies, Commerce, Houston Audubon Soci-

marshes and woodlands where more ety, Texas Parks and Wildlife Depart-

than 260 bird species have been ment, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,

there are 350 live alligators of all sizes. Mobil Exploration & Producing U.S.

Visitors can feed the gators and have Inc. and the Lower Colorado River

Prairie Alligator Farm where tional Fish & Wildlife Foundation.

will include tours at the following: from Dec. until May.

Before paying, companies should

Scams

War on Drugs

meeting Thursday

The next meeting of Eagle Lake for a basketball court. Other activities War on Drugs will be held Thursday, planned are a tutoring/mentoring pro- date rebates were issued) for the above school age children to have at least one

If you are interested in helping \$109,548.59, down 2.91%; year-to-

which give young people options to abused substance in rural areas. More than 4 out of 10 high school seniors and Wharton, \$183,891.60, -2.47% At present plans are in the works have tried cocaine, Rural areas play a significant role in the overall supply. County's Feb. check was for production, and distribution of drugs. \$61,642.01, up 16.09% from last year, Doug cultivation and drug laboratories giving a year-to-date total of are more likely to be found in less \$109,615.65,up 30.26%.

Rice High School, Friday, March with any of the alternative activities or date, \$192,195.58, up 2.62%. have ideas of your own, please plan to Austin County received For more information, call your attend the meeting Feb. 23. For more \$62,517.17, down 0.65%; year-tolocal school office or Rice CISD ad- information call 1-800-256-7321. date, \$116,345.57, up 7.11%.

quested or wants the listing, the firm barely within the limits of the law by . Check with the people in your

producing the directory is reliable and including a statement that says, "This company that are responsible for adreputable and that the distribution is is not a bill and you are under no vertising. Did they order such serv-

There are a number of ways to statements for regular directory or target of a fake billing scheme, contact

protect against fraudulent or mislead- yellow page listings. When in doubt, your regional Attorney General's

verify that the company staff re- carefully. Many phony bills stay payment procedures.

The burglary took place Feb. 21 sometime 2727. during the day and up until 10:30 p.m. that eve- You will remain anonymous.

Crime Stoppers 'Crime of the Week'

The Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers is offering up ning.
to \$1,000 cash reward for any information leadIf you saw anyone suspicious in this area during to the arrest and indictment of any person or ing this time, or have any information regarding persons involved in the burglary of a residence at this case, or any case, Please call Crime Stoppers at 234-5555 or the Police Department at 234-

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business terms: market share). Ex-perts have advised the board that these

actions are consistent with strategies

being employed by other healthcare

organizations. Those experts have

also noted, however that given the

downward trend in patient beds re-

quired per capita, a population the size of the Rice Consolidated Independent

School District will not be able to

support a hospital without assistance.

ELCH has used its reserves and

NEWSBRIEFS

City-wide Youth Musical in the works

Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church, located on 709 N. Lake, invites all area of Directors voted Monday night to ducing the hospital volume nearly well as the private sector switch manyouth to participate in the musical "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord" set for put the decision to keep a hospital 40% at the time. However, across the aged care, continue to cut their reim-expand the patient population (in March 25. For more information, call Olivia Maxie or Paula Burrow at 234- back to the people for vote.

Garwood School chicken spaghetti supper

In conjunction with Public School Week, Garwood School will have a proceed by the Garwood Association of Parents on chicken spaghetti supper sponsored by the Garwood Association of Parents on March 2 at 6 p.m. Take out plates will be available at \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Desserts will be 50¢. The dinner is a fund raiser for the school sign. For more information call Sandy at 234-7371.

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World Day of Prayer

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EMS Instructor course still has openings

There are still a few openings in the Department of Transportation EMS Instructor Course to be held in Eagle Lake at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Board Room. The course will meet on Tuesday and Thursday beginning March 14 from 7 to 11 p.m. and ending April 13. Cost of the course

OKAY FOR replacement is \$50. Students will not be registered or books ordered until half of the fee is paid. For more information call 409-234-2678 by March 3.

Little League registration to end March 4

Little League registration will continue until March 4. Parents who would find a replacement for the assistant Approved the lease agreement for like to sign their child up to play, may do so by going by Johnny's Sport Shop county attorney's position when office rental with the Colorado as soon as possible.

Nada KC Fish Fry next seven Fridays The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual fish fry every Friday,

french fries, coleslaw with trimmings and tea will be served with homemade court costs and fines in 1993 and Kram would serve on the Grievance of the 25th Judicial District Court. Also charged with burglary of a desserts available. The all you can eat meal is \$6.75 for adults, \$3.75 for approximately \$24,500 in 1994. He Committee; children 6-11; under 6 eat free. Plates to go will be \$5.50. Seniors citizens dance this Friday

will be given and refreshments will be available.

Thrift Shop open Saturday The Thrift Shop will be open this Saturday, March 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. pending cases as of Jan. 1.

Stop by and see what they have to offer.

Sealy Trades Days start March 4

Sealy Trade Days will take place the first Saturday of the month beginning hide if I don't get an assistant, but it (See Commissioners, Page 10)

March 4. Handmade crafts, food, friendly fresh air and a country atmosphere would be very beneficial to me and the await you from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Sealy. Sidewalk venders along County," said Moore. Main Street, permanent antiques and specialty shops will be open. For more "Barry worked 20 hours per week. information, booth rental, etc., call 409-885-7300.

Chili cook-off March 5

East Bernard Fair Fund has scheduled their chili cook-off on Saturday, March 5, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Riverside Hall Pavilion. There is no charge County Judge Vince Slominski, to enter the hall, but donations will be accepted. All proceeds will benefit local County Clerk Darlene Hayek and FFA and 4-H members at the Wharton County Youth Fair.

Bake Sale at Heritage House next Monday

Heritage House Nursing Home will be having a bake sale Monday, March has given them when a legal question 6, at IGA Food Store from 3-6 p.m. to raise funds so that the residents may arose participate in the Capital Area Nursing Home games in Austin next month. Garwood Community Assoc. to meet March 6

The Garwood Community Association will hold a very important meeting Monday, March 6, at 7 p.m. at the community building. They will discuss the facility does not carry the name "jail",

continuation of having the Garwood Community Association. Your input is it opens up numerous avenues for the Habitat for Humanities to meet March 7

Habitat for Humanities, a non-profit Christian organization, will meet on ing for the plaque to be placed on the

March 7 at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Eagle Lake. Their goal is outside of the new facility and agreed to abolish sub-standard living and over-crowded living conditions within communities. For information, call 234-5129 or 409-732-2347 or 409-725-8729. mittee on an inside plaque. Texas Exes to meet next week

The Colorado County chapter of Texas Exes will be meeting Tuesday, March 7, in Brenham. Members will comune with exes from Washington and Austin Counties to hear the speaker, Dr. Berdahl, president of U.T. For more Police changes information, contact Linda Balas at 234-3834.

Laughlin assistant in Columbus March 7

Congressman Greg Laughlin will have a Congressional assessman asse Congressman Greg Laughlin will have a Congressional assistant at the appointment is necessary and residents are urged to drop by with problems or questions that they may have with the federal government.

ELCH Auxiliary meeting March 7

Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary will hold their annual business Tuesday night's City Council Meetmeeting on Tuesday, March 7, at 9:30 a.m. in the hospital conference room. It ing. is very important that all members attend this meeting to elect new officers.

sergeant-in-charge at Council's last Decision making committee to meet March 7 The Eagle Lake Primary School Site-Based Decision Making Committee

will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 7, at 6 p.m. in the school library.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the 93-94 campus rating from the Texas

Education Agency and the 94-95 campus performance objectives.

To fill the vacancies created by the resignations of Officer Stephen Smith and Corporal Brian Davis and the medical leave of Corporal Eric Hart, Sheridan sponsoring EMT course Auxiliary Officer Jack Knox will now be full time paid, temporarily.

The Sheridan Ambulance Corps is sponsoring and EMT course which starts March 13, 1995. If you need more information, contact Marc Jordan at 234-2886, before March 7.

Hospital Board proposes tax district Reasons cited for the losses are length of stays have been declining for To combat these trends the ELCH operational losses, the Eagle Lake several. The loss of a physician in years. Despite declining the number shas held the line on expenses on hos-Community Hospital (ELCH) Board 1992 had the dramatic impact of re- of hospitals, hospital programs, as pital related care while investing in

nation hospital patients days and bursements for hospital care.

Officer David Wood met with a Steve Hassin and Officers Jack Knox, department and transported to the victim of reported aggravated sexual Russell Dunn and Jeremy Moore, county jail where he was held on assault on Feb. 26 at 9:15 a.m. were unable to located the suspect. At aggravated sexual assault charges. After evidence was gathered, the 4:35 p.m., the suspect notified the On Feb. 21 at 6:35 p.m., Officer

assault victim was taken to the hospi- Colorado County Sheriff's Depart- Moore was dispatched to Dan's Minment that he was not at his residence ute Stop in reference to a drive-off. has borrowed and raised funds to stay A warrant was issued for the sus- but wanted to turn himself in.

Officer Wood, along with Sgt. on the warrant, processed at the police is a suspect in the case.

Colorado County Commissioners

Rutta's last day on the job was to

an assistant until we get the backlog zation:

"If you approve an assistant rectors;

Moore said he had over 1,700

Forty hours would be good, but I think

having someone in the office for 20

Justices of the Peace Dodie Dungen

and Mary Lou Szymanski. They all

expressed the support Moore's office

The Court also agreed to name the

new county jail the Colorado County

According to Slominski, if the

County to obtain certain funds and

obtain reduced rates on surplus items.

In other business, the Court:

announced at

Several changes at the Eagle Lake

eting, has been made a permanent

Two other auxiliary officers will

split another full time paid position

Police Department were announced at

The Court also approved the word-

Moore also received support from

hours would be efficient."

Barry Rutta resigns.

caught up."

County Attorney J. Julian Moore to Saturday;

Moore told Commissioners that State Bank of Columbus;

Prajedes Jaramillo Jr. was arrested was made to locate the vehicle. There

County Central Appraisal District;

contract and securities with The First

County Attorney gets gained into the house, several items of decision.

Information was taken and a search affoat. Quality has not been sacrificed as evidenced by the Joint Commission ccreditation last year. Also on Feb. 21, at 10:54 p.m. Nevertheless, ELCH's financial Officer Moore was advised of a burglary of a habitation. After entry was distress has forced the Board to this

(See Police, Page 10)

The decision to propose a tax dis-Officer Brian Davis was met at the trict came after many months of study police department on Feb. 22 at 11:45 and comparison to other opportunities p.m. and advised of an assault which such as merger, lose and/or sell the (See Hospital, Page 10)

One receives five Monday morning agreed to allow house square by the local Girl Scouts years for drug delivery Approved the depository pledge

Three of the four defendants received

expects to raise that figure to as much . Adopted a resolution against the as \$36,000 or higher during the cur-regulation of self-insured workman's compensation pools and also to sup-

> Reappointed Precinct 3 Commissioner Jerome Wicke to the Combined Community Action Inc. board of di-

(county attorney), it would pay for Received notice that Eric Flouran itself. The world is not going to go and and Ty Prause have agreed to serve as

District Judge Gus Strauss heard boot camp, he will be returned to March 3-April 14, from 6-9 p.m. at the St. Mary's Community Center, Catfish, his office generated nearly \$14,500 in Received notification that Ken four cases during the Feb. 23 session continue his probation.

deferred adjudication. Sentenced to five years in the Insti-tion and was ordered to pay a \$1,000 tutional Division, Texas Department fine plus court costs and serve 300 There will be a senior citizens dance on Friday, March 3, at the Eagle Lake "There is a potential for a lot of port the Colorado Valley Transit Auof Criminal Justice, was Cheryl Anise hours of community service. KC Hall with music by The Texas Plainsmen from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Singles money there. We just have to work the thority and oppose the proposed fed-

> trolled substance. probation when he was charged with restitution, court costs and a \$1,000 burglary of a building, received de-fine. erred adjudication.

fied, sending him to state boot camp awarded full custody of his teenage for approximately 75 days. Following daughter.

ceived five years deferred adjudica-

and couples are welcome for \$4 per person. The public is invited; door prizes cases," said Moore. "I will only need eral cutbacks that threaten that organiyears deferred, 320 hours community Patrick Middleton, who was on service and was ordered to pay \$603 in

In a case heard Feb. 9, Ernie and Middleton's probation was modi- Dixie Rodgers of Eagle Lake were

ENDANGERED Attwater's Prairie Chicken



Attwater's Prairie Chicken Range

Did you know?

■ Though Attwater's prairie chickens once numbered in the millions along the Gulf of Mexico coast, scientists now estimate that less than 160 birds exist in the wild.

Attwater's prairie chickens have become endangered as their habitat-coastal prairie land-has been developed for other

captive prairie chickens before breeding them to determine whether the birds are related.

Scientists perform blood tests on

Prairie chickens usually mate in March. There clutch of 10-14 eggs hatch by late April.

Each newly hatched prairie chicken eats its own weight in insects each day during the first 4-6 weeks of life. This means 25

grams the first week, 45 grams the second, 80 grams the third and 105 grams the fourth week. Later it changes to a diet of seed and other prairie vegetation.

For more information, contact: Dr. Nova Silvy, federal Attwater's Prairie Chicken Recovery Team leader, Texas A&M University,

station, then transported to the county dent. Officer Eric Bilbo is investigating booths, a photography contest and damage to a motor vehicle at Lake exhibits of local artists in downtown Motors. The report was received on Feb. 18 and the case is open. Sgt. Steve Hassin is investigating the report of criminal mischief involv-The Prairie Edge Museum, located ing damage to a vehicle. He received to enter the hall, but donations will be accepted. All proceeds will benefit local in downtown Eagle Lake, is on US the report on Monday, Feb. 20.

Polka Continued from Page 8

many festival parades and puts on dancing exhibitions. A newsletter entitled Polka News is published quar-The Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club will hold their annual mop and broom sale terly. Free monthly dance lessons are all day Thursday, March 9, on the square. In addition to providing jobs for the blind who make all of the products, proceeds from this sale will be used by the with semi-monthly lessons in Victo-

For more information on dancing your way into the new year, call 409-Members of the Brazoria 4-H are looking for the following animals to 885-3623 to talk to a Po.L.K. of A. member in your area. And remember: wine, chicken and turkeys. If you raise any of these animals for sale, please Polka-it's a new year - and a new you!

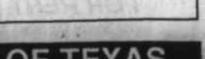
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LAKER PRINTING & TROPHIES 123 N. McCarty Will Be Closed Monday, Feb. 20, through Friday, Feb. 24 We Will Be Open for Business Monday, Feb. 27, at 9 a.m.



By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist THE TENDON-CY FOR TROUBLE

Of-all the ways our feet can suffer injuries, the tendons are often the most ceptible to problems. Tendons are the fibrous tissues that connect muscles to other parts of the anatomy. Anyone who has played one too many sets of tennis or jogged a mile too far has probably experienced lenosynovitis, an inflammation of the sheath surrounding the tendon. A direct blow to a tendon may cause a more severe injury, involving hemorrhaging. More serious still is a laceration in which the tendon may be out or torn. In such cases, early treatment is critical. Tendons

usually respond well to suture repairs done soon after a trauma, while tendon injuries left untreated can lead to lifelong problems with foot functioning.

Take whatever action is appropriate after an injury, but always follow through with a professional diagnosis and treatment plan from your podiatrist. Early intervention can often speed healing and recovery time. No matter what your age or foot problem, your podiatrist is the one to see for prompt, effective care. Don't suffer with a foot injury, condition, disease, or other problem. Call us today at 234-5521, at the Fagle Lake Community Hospital. Lam there the first and third 5571, at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. I am there the first and third

P.S. Get immediate help for any crushing injury, as all tissues of the affected

•Read any bills or solicitations Cross-check the address and clarify

obligation to pay the amount stated." ices? Do they know if the billing

call the company and verify that re- consumer protection office or call the

newal invoices have been mailed. consumer hotline at 800-337-3928.

*Don't confuse fake billings with If you suspect that you are the

If it says you don't have to pay, don't. company is legitimate?

For details about festival events

Colorado County Judge Vince Slominski, seated in the center, signed a proclamation last week designating Feb. 27-March 3 as Texas Public Schools Week. Pictured with Slominski are, from left, Lynda Appelt, Eagle Lake Primary School teacher representing the Rice CISD; Dr. Paul Clore, Columbus ISD Superintendent; and Wayne Wise, Welmar ISD Superinten-