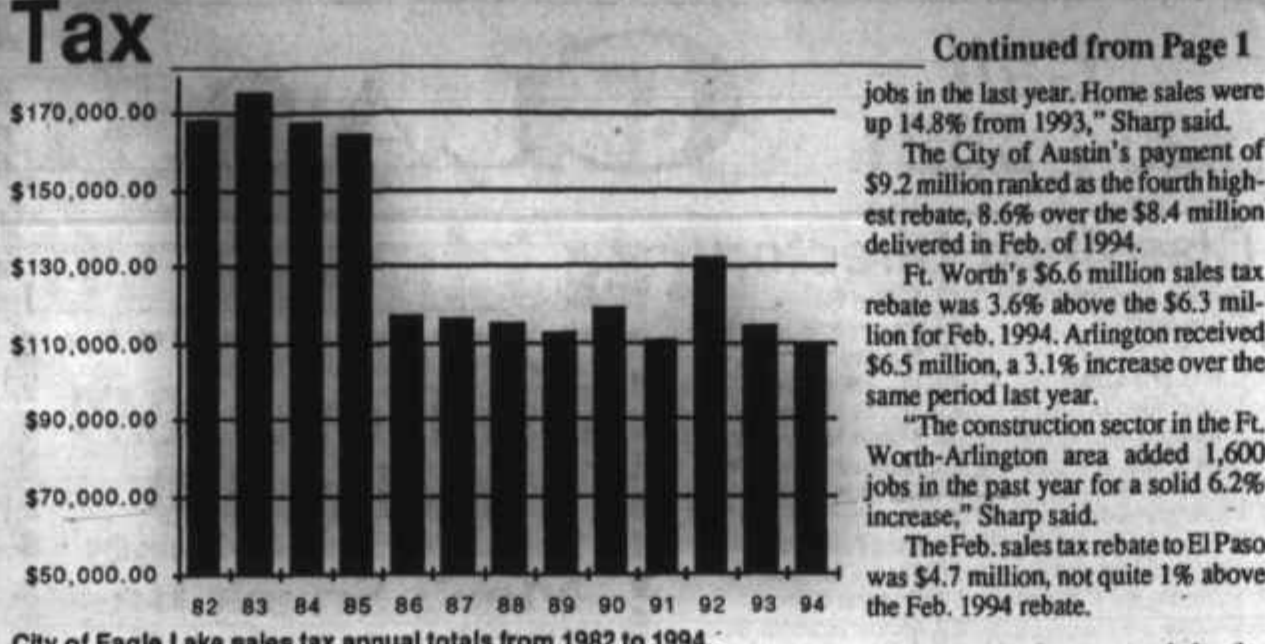


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War on Drugs meeting Thursday

The next meeting of Eagle Lake War on Drugs will be held Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. in the City Council Meeting Room. Eagle Lake War on Drugs is a group of concerned citizens who are ready to take an active role in activities which give young people options to chemical use.

Continued from Page 1 jobs in the last year. Home sales were up 14.8% from 1993, Sharp said. The City of Austin's payment of \$9.2 million ranked as the fourth highest rebate, 8.6% over the \$8.4 million delivered in Feb. 1994. Ft. Worth's \$6.6 million sales tax rebate was 3.6% above the \$6.3 million for Feb. 1994. Arlington received \$6.5 million, a 3.1% increase over the same period last year.

Other cities in our area, their sales tax rebates this month, along with the change from this month last year are: Columbus, \$49,823.31, +6.97%; Weimar, \$14,420.45, -0.15%; Sealy, \$50,736.55, +11.38%; Bellville, \$27,897.95, -6.28%; El Campo, \$162,753.24, +0.68%; and Wharton, \$112,946.07, -6.79%.

Open House at Rice CISD Schools

Rice Consolidated ISD joins more than 1,000 school districts throughout Texas in celebrating Texas Public Schools Week, Feb. 27-March 3, with an array of special events planned each day. Parents and local residents are invited into the classroom to watch the educational process at work, according to Superintendent Dr. Richard Gott.

Rotary Pancake Supper next week

Great pancakes and good causes will be served at the annual Eagle Lake Rotary Club Pancake Supper on Tuesday, Feb. 28. The public is urged to come by between 5-7 p.m. to purchase a delicious \$3 supper of pancakes and sausage.

Scams

Before paying, companies should verify that the company staff requested or wants the listing, the firm producing the directory is reliable and reputable and that the distribution is appropriate for company needs. Cross-check the address and clarify payment procedures.

County proclaims 'Schools Week'

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 Clorius, Columbus ISD Superintendent; and Wayne Wise, Weimar ISD Superintendent.

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Crime Stoppers 'Crime of the Week' The Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers is offering up to \$1,000 cash reward for any information leading to the arrest and indictment of any person or persons involved in the burglary of a residence at 7111 Milam. The burglary took place Feb. 21 sometime during the day and up until 10:30 p.m. that evening.

Eagle Lake Headlight

NEWSBRIEFS

City-wide Youth Musical in the works

Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church, located on 709 N. Lake, invites all area youth to participate in the musical "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord" set for March 25. For more information, call Olivia Maxie or Paula Burrow at 234-3311 or 234-3651.

Garwood School chicken spaghetti supper

In conjunction with Public School Week, Garwood School will have a 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 \$5. The dinner is a fund raiser for the school sign. For more information call Sandy at 234-7371.

CCA Board to meet

Combined Community Action Inc. will hold its annual board of directors meeting and dinner on Thursday, March 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the Boss' Steak House in La Grange. The public is invited to attend.

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer is set for Friday, March 3, at 9:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Eagle Lake. The theme is "The Earth is the House for All People". The public is invited to participate.

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 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 like to sign their child up to play, may do so by going to Johnny's Sport Shop as soon as possible.

Nada KC Fish Fry next seven Fridays

The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual fish fry every Friday, March 3-April 14, from 6-9 p.m. at the St. Mary's Community Center. Cashish, french fries, colelaw with trimmings and tea will be served with homemade desserts available. The all you can eat meal is \$6.75 for adults, \$3.75 for children 6-11, under 6 eat free. Plates to go will be \$5.50.

Seniors citizens dance this Friday

There will be a senior citizens dance on Friday, March 3, at the Eagle Lake KC Hall with music by The Texas Plainsmen from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Singles and couples are welcome for \$4 per person. The public is invited; door prizes 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. Stop by and see what they have to offer.

Sealy Trade Days start March 4

Sealy Trade Days will take place the first Saturday of the month beginning March 4. Handmade crafts, food, friendly fresh air and a country atmosphere await you from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Sealy. Sidewalk vendors along Main Street, permanent antiques and specialty shops will be open. For more 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 to enter the hall, but donations will be accepted. All proceeds will benefit local 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 6, at IGA Food Store from 3-6 p.m. to raise funds so that the residents may 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 continuation of having the Garwood Community Association. Your input is needed.

Habitat for Humanities to meet March 7

Habitat for Humanities, a non-profit Christian organization, will meet on March 7 at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Eagle Lake. Their goal is 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.

Texas Exes to meet next week

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

Laughlin assistant in Columbus March 7

Congressman Greg Laughlin will have a Congressional assistant at the Colorado County Courthouse, from 9:30-11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 7. No 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 meeting on Tuesday, March 7, at 9:30 a.m. in the hospital conference room. It is very important that all members attend this meeting to elect new officers.

Hospital Board proposes tax district

After three years of sustaining operational losses, the Eagle Lake Community Hospital (ELCH) Board of Directors voted Monday night to put the decision to keep a hospital back to the people for vote. Reasons cited for the losses are several. The loss of a physician in 1992 had the dramatic impact of reducing the hospital volume nearly 40% at the time. However, across the nation hospital patients days and length of stays have been declining for years. Despite declining the number of hospital patients, hospital programs, as well as the private sector switch managed care, continue to cut their reimbursements for hospital care.

Police arrest sexual assault suspect

Officer David Wood met with a victim of reported aggravated sexual assault on Feb. 26 at 9:15 a.m. After evidence was gathered, the assault victim was taken to the hospital for a medical examination. A warrant was issued for the suspect. Officer Wood, along with Sgt. Steve Hassin and Officers Jack Knox, Russell Dunn and Jeremy Moore, were unable to locate the suspect. At 4:35 p.m., the suspect notified the Colorado County Sheriff's Department that he was not at his residence but wanted to turn himself in. Prajedes Jaramillo Jr. was arrested on the warrant, processed at the police department and transported to the county jail where he was held on aggravated sexual assault charges.

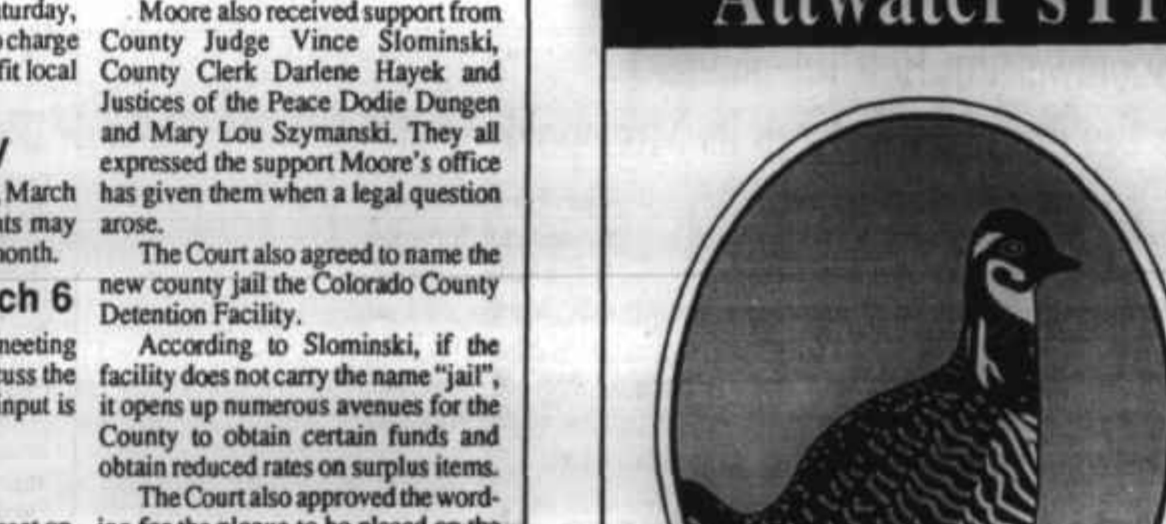
County Attorney gets okay for replacement

Colorado County Commissioners Monday morning agreed to allow County Attorney Vince Slominski to find a replacement for the assistant county attorney's position when Barry Rutta resigns. Rutta's last day on the job was to be Wednesday. Moore told Commissioners that his office generated nearly \$14,500 in court costs and fines in 1993 and approximately \$24,500 in 1994. He expects to raise that figure to as much as \$36,000 or higher during the current year.

One receives five years for drug delivery

District Judge Gus Strauss heard four cases during the Feb. 23 session of the 25th Judicial District Court. Three of the four defendants received deferred adjudication. Sentenced to five years in the Institutional Division, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, was Cheryl Anise Smith. She was charged with, and found guilty of, delivery of a controlled substance. Patrick Middleton, who was on probation when he was charged with burglary of a building, received deferred adjudication. Middleton's probation was modified, sending him to state boot camp for approximately 75 days. Following boot camp, he will be returned to continue his probation.

Attwater's Prairie Chicken



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 purposes. Scientists perform blood tests on captive prairie chickens before breeding them to determine whether the birds are related. Prairie chickens usually mate in March. Their 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.

What's behind the Attwater's Prairie Chicken recovery program? Attwater's Prairie Chicken Recovery Program is a cooperative effort of the Texas A&M University, Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences Department, College Station, Texas 77843, (409) 845-5777. n-silly@tamu.edu

Police changes announced at City Council

Several changes at the Eagle Lake Police Department were announced at Tuesday night's City Council Meeting. Steve Hassin, who was named sergeant-in-charge at Council's last meeting, has been made a permanent sergeant. To fill the vacancies created by the resignations of Officer Stephen Smith and Corporal Brian Davis and the medical leave of Corporal Eric Hart, Auxiliary Officer Jack Knox will now be full time paid, temporarily. Two other auxiliary officers will split another full time paid position between them.