

Tin Lizzies to visit Eagle Lake

The Texas Tin Lizzies will visit Eagle Lake and the Prairie Edge Museum at noon this Saturday, Feb. 21, as they stop for lunch on a weekend tour of the area.

The Texas club is made up of members from all over the state and several nearby states.

They will be traveling in a group of about 15 old, but completely renovated, classic cars.

The classic cars will be parked behind Prairie Edge Museum for an hour or more and members welcome the public to come by and look over the Tin Lizzies while members have lunch in the Museum.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Powerlifting meet is Saturday

A powerlifting meet will be held at the Rice High School gym this Saturday, Feb. 21, beginning around 9 a.m. Come out and support our athletes.

Garwood Lions holding mop, broom sale

The Garwood Lions Club will hold their annual mop and broom sale Wednesday, March 4, at Lions Hall starting at 8 a.m. They'll be selling mops, brooms, brushes and many other items, all made by the blind. Plan to come by and help the blind help themselves. For more information, call 758-3441.

Rotary Club sets annual Pancake Supper

The Eagle Lake Rotary Club will have their annual Pancake Supper next Tuesday, Feb. 17, at the Eagle Lake Community Center from 5 to 7 p.m. You may dine inside or there will be a to go line. The \$4 ticket gets you not only pancakes and sausages, but entertainment and door prizes. Contact any Rotary member for tickets.

Churches to hold Black History Program

The White Cloud and Greater Union Baptist Church Youth Departments will sponsor a Black History Program on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. The program will be held at the White Cloud Baptist Church. Pastors are Rev. Obie Rhodes and Rev. Lawrence Robertson.

ELMS sets Open House, dinner for Feb. 24

The Eagle Lake Middle School PTO will hold their Open House and Enchilada meal on Tuesday, Feb. 24. Serving will be from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria followed by the Open House and Science Fair exhibits from 7 to 8 p.m. Parents are invited to come enjoy a great meal as well as to see what your child is doing in school.

Combined Community Action to meet Feb. 26

Combined Community Action Inc. will hold its Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, Feb. 26, at 6:30 p.m. at Murphy's General Store in Winchester. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

Christian Women's Luncheon is March 12

The Christian Women's Annual Luncheon will be held at the First Baptist Church, in Eagle Lake, Thursday, March 12, at 11 a.m. Tickets will be available at all churches or contact Mrs. Esther New at 234-3430.

E.H. Henry Alumni meet tonight

The E.H. Henry Alumni meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. at the E.H. Henry site.

Habitat meeting set for March 3

Colorado County Habitat for Humanity will meet on Tuesday, March 3, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church in Columbus. For questions, call Rosemary Lewis at 1-800-324-5369 or Lois Quenneville at 234-5129.

Craft, hobby show set for Feb. 22

The Shiner Rotary Club Craft and Hobby Show will be held at the Shiner American Legion Hall's indoor facility Sunday, Feb. 22. Over 50 craft booths will offer for sale hard to find gift items for everyone's taste.

The show will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and chicken barbecue will be served 11 a.m. until ?? (pick-up or dine in). For more information, contact Earl Parker at 512-594-4261. Proceeds will be used for scholarships and service projects.

Ministerial Alliance blood drive set for Feb. 20

The Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance offers its semi-annual blood drive at the City Hall this Friday, Feb. 20, from noon to 7 p.m. Give the Gift of Life! Call to mind the times you have needed such a gift and share with others your own precious blood. In particularly short supply is blood type O+.

World Day of Prayer to be held March 6

The World Day of Prayer at the First Presbyterian Church will be held Friday, March 6 at 9:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

Community craft, rummage sale is scheduled

The Sheridan Lakes Ladies Auxiliary will hold a community-wide craft and rummage sale on Saturday, Feb. 28, and Saturday, March 7, on Lot #11 starting at 8 a.m., watch for signs and flags. The money raised will go to the ladies auxiliary.

UMC to host Lenten Luncheons

The Eagle Lake United Methodist Church will host Lenten Luncheons on the six Mondays before Easter, March 2 through April 6. The luncheons will be from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. with special music and guest speakers. Soup, sandwiches and dessert will be furnished and a love offering will be taken. Half of the proceeds go to the Eagle Lake Community Food Pantry. Following the luncheon, a Lenten Study will be offered to anyone interested. Everyone is cordially invited... bring a friend.

APC Festival needs auction items

The Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival is coming March 27-28 and donations of auction items will be greatly appreciated. Contact Ernie Sommerlatte at 234-3452.

ELPS PTO schedules BBQ, bake sale

The Eagle Lake Primary School PTO will hold a barbecue and bake sale Sunday, Feb. 22, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Austin's BBQ, 507 E. Main, drive thru only. Desserts will be available. Advance tickets are \$5 and may be purchased from any student, at Laker Printing or call Connie Webb at 234-2029.

Orchard ISD reunion set for June 13

A reunion of students, graduates, teachers and employees of the former Orchard ISD is being sponsored by the Orchard Historical Society and planned for June 13 at the Guardian Angel Parish Hall in Wallis.

Graduates' names from 1939 to 1974 are available, but some addresses are still needed. OHS needs assistance in locating the addresses of all these graduates. If you have not been contacted for your address, please contact: Beverly Matej, 1403 Rice Ave, Rosenberg, TX 77471; 281-342-3113; or Deloris Matej, P.O. Box 64, Orchard, TX 77464, 409-478-6703. If you're not a graduate but went to the school or were employed by the district and want to attend, please contact Beverly or Deloris to add you to the mailing list.

Nada KCs to have Friday fish fries

The Nada Knights of Columbus will be hold a fish fry every Friday, Feb. 27 through April 10, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Nada Community Center. The all-you-can-eat meal of catfish, French fries, cole slaw and trimmings is \$7 for adults, \$3.75 children (6-11) and kids under six eat free. Plates to go are \$5.75. Drinks and desserts will be sold by the Catholic Daughters and PTC.

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Eagle Lake's sales tax collections still up...

Statewide sales tax allocations ahead 11+ %

State Comptroller John Sharp last week delivered a total of \$290.5 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,090 Texas cities and 118 counties, and noted that holiday shoppers kept cash registers ringing steadily for most retailers across the state.

This month's payments to Texas cities and counties include sales taxes collected by monthly filers at the height of holiday shopping in Dec., and reported to the Comptroller in Jan., plus quarterly returns for sales in Oct., Nov. and Dec. and all yearly filings for 1997.

"Retail holiday sales statewide were projected to run well ahead of those for the previous year, and Dec. sales surpassed even those expectations," Sharp said. "For the fifth consecutive year, Texas is experiencing strong economic growth, and consumer confidence is the highest in the nation."

Sharp delivered monthly sales tax rebates totaling \$267.1 million to Texas cities, 11.5% higher than last year's Feb. payment of \$239.5 million. Rebates to Texas counties were 9.7% higher than allocations of \$21.2 million in Feb. 1997. Another \$8.1 million went to 30 special purpose districts around the state.

The City of Eagle Lake received \$17,289.71; 33.59% higher than the \$12,942.36 received last Feb.

Rice Hospital District's rebate was \$10,966.60, bringing their year-to-date total to \$16,503.96.

The City of Houston received an all-time high sales tax rebate of \$36.9 million in Feb., 11.7% above the previous year's Feb. payment of \$33.1 million. Year-to-date, payments to the City of Houston are up by 12.5%.

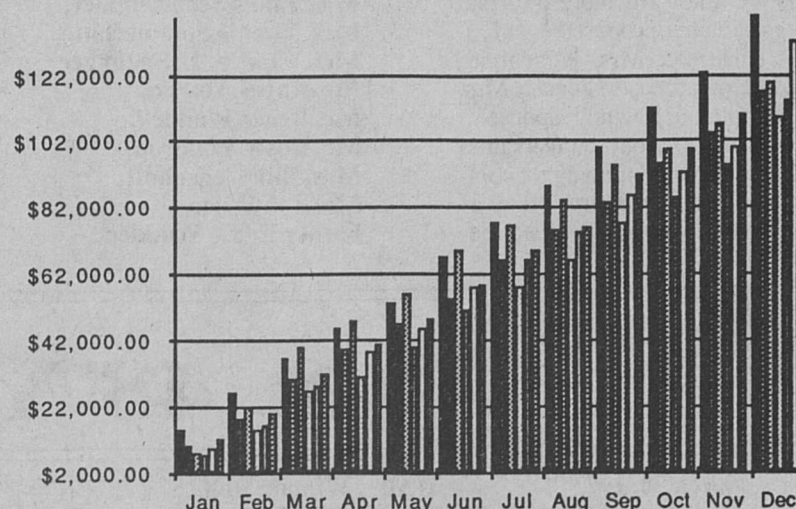
The \$23.2 million local sales tax allocation to the City of Dallas for Feb. reflects an impressive 14.7% increase from the \$20.2 million for the same month last year. The year-to-date increase to Dallas is 13.3%.

The San Antonio sales tax allocation for Feb. was \$14 million, up 7.3% over the Feb. 1997 payment of \$13.1 million. Year-to-date, San Antonio has received an 8.9% increase in local sales tax payments.

The Austin sales tax allocation for Feb. was \$10.7 million, virtually unchanged from the Feb. 1997 payment of \$10.6 million. However, for the first two months of 1998, Austin's sales tax rebates are 6.6% more than those for last year.

Fort Worth's \$7.8 million sales tax allocation was 7% more than the Feb. 1997 rebate of \$7.3 million, putting year-to-date rebates 8.3% ahead.

Arlington received \$6.9 million in sales tax allocation, down 4.1% from the \$7.2 million for the same month last year. However, the City's rebates are running 1.9% ahead of those for (See Sales tax, Page 10)



The year-to-date totals of the City of Eagle Lake's sales tax rebates are charted against the month the tax was collected, not when the City received the rebate.

Dr. Kumar elected Fellow of ACP

Dr. Ravindra Kumar, MD, FACP, an internist practicing in Eagle Lake, has been elected Fellow of the American College of Physicians (ACP), the Society of Internists. This distinction recognizes achievements in internal medicine, the specialty of adult medical care.

Dr. Kumar may now use the initials "FACP" after his name.

He has been invited to an awards ceremony recognizing new Fellows of American College of Physicians. Fellows of ACP are elected upon recommendations of other Fellows and the review of ACP's credentials subcommittee.

Dr. Kumar is an attending physician and Chief of Staff of Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

He is certified in internal medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine and is a member of the Colorado-Fayette County Medical Soci-

ety, Texas Medical Association, American Society of Internal Medicine, Texas Society of Internal Medicine.



cine and American Society of Echocardiography. He is also an Affiliate Member of the American Board of Quality Assurance.

A graduate of New Delhi Medical School in India, Dr. Kumar earned his medical degree MBBS and post graduate medical degree MD, from the University of New Delhi.

He then went to England for further training in internal medicine and obtained his British post graduate medical degree MRCP from the Royal College of Physicians of London.

He lives in Eagle Lake with his wife, Vandana, and daughter, Namita, and practices in Eagle Lake and Sealy.

The ACP, with headquarters in Philadelphia, is the nation's largest medical specialty organization. Membership is composed of more than 100,000 internal medicine physicians and students.

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls and cases for the week ending Feb. 16.

On Feb. 10 at 4:23 p.m., Sgt. Jack Knox met with a complainant, took a forgery report, and the case is under investigation.

At 10:32 p.m., Sgt. Knox provided courtesy transport from Austin Rd. to the hospital.

On Feb. 11, at 5:25 a.m., Officer Tim Crume was dispatched to FM 3013 in reference to loose horses. The horses were located and returned to the owner.

At 6:07 a.m. Officer Crume was dispatched to FM 3013 to assist sheriff deputies and DPS. The investigation was turned over to DPS.

At 12:10 p.m., Officer Brian Ochoa was dispatched to Glen Lake Courts to a criminal mischief call.

On Feb. 12, at 2:51 a.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to FM 3013 north in reference to a person shot.

Officer Crume assisted the county deputies and the investigation was turned over to the Sheriff's Office.

At 3:55 a.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to an accident involving an Amtrak Train and a truck and trailer. Prajedes Jaramillo Jr. attempted to cross the railroad tracks and was struck by an Amtrak Train. Jaramillo only suffered minor injuries, but there was considerable property damage.

At 6:13 p.m., Officer Bill Lattimore was dispatched to E. "C" St. in reference to an assault. Upon investigation, Shamica Moore was arrested.

Job Fair is March 7

The Colorado County Economic Development Organization and Ser Jobs for Progress will host a county-wide job fair Saturday, March 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Eagle Lake.

Area businesses and corporations,

for family violence assault, processed at the police department and transported to the county jail for confinement.

At 11:25 p.m., Officer Carl Risk was advised of a disturbance at The Barn on E. Main St. Gilbert Mendoza was arrested for unlawfully carrying a weapon-machete and possession of marijuana. After processing at the police department Mendoza was transported to the county jail for confinement.

On Feb. 13, at 3:52 p.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to N. Lake St.

in reference to criminal mischief. A report was filed and the case is under investigation.

At 4:19 p.m., Officer Crume was requested to assist the school resource officer regarding two students carrying drugs on campus. No drugs were found and the case was turned over to the school authority.

At 8:36 p.m., Officer Crume was contacted at the police department in reference to disorderly conduct. During the investigation, one suspect, Ryan Torres, known to have outstanding warrants, was arrested on the warrants, processed at the police department and transported to the county jail for confinement.

On Feb. 14, at 12:18 a.m., Officer Risk responded to a report of a fight in progress on Seventh St. Upon arrival and speaking with all subjects, it was learned that no offense had been committed.

At 12:50 a.m., Officer Risk was contacted at the police department by a complainant in reference to a civil matter. Courtesy transport was provided for one of the parties.

At 7:56 a.m., Officer Ochoa was dispatched to the 100 block of E. Main in reference to criminal mischief, (See Police, Page 6)

Rosenberg man shot near Eagle Lake

On Thursday, Feb. 12, at 2:51 a.m., the Colorado County Sheriff's Office received a call from a citizen reporting a car in a ditch and the driver being shot.

Sgt. Troy Neisner and Deputy Craig Peikert, along with Eagle Lake Police Department Officer Tim Crume, responded to the call. The location was approximately three miles north of Eagle Lake on FM 3013.

On the officers' arrival, they found a Hispanic male suffering a gunshot wound to the back. He and a passenger had been traveling north on FM 3013.

The victim, Juan Saladana Castillo, a 38-year-old male from Rosenberg, reported a red pickup truck pulled alongside his vehicle and opened fire, striking the car and driver. The passenger was not injured.

The victim was transported to Rice Medical Center by Eagle Lake Emergency Medical Services Unit 803. He was stabilized and taken by Life Flight to Hermann Hospital in Houston in serious condition.

At the time of this report, the motive for the shooting is still unclear. The passenger's identification is being withheld at this time. Colorado County Sheriff's Investigator Lt. Mike Scheilder has received several leads in the case and continues to gather information.

Tax collection percentages given through Jan. 1998

Information received from the Colorado County Central Appraisal District concerning the amount of 1997 taxes collected through the end of Jan. 1998 gives the following results:

Jurisdiction	Collections	Certified Rolls	% Collected
Columbus ISD	\$3,328,635.79	\$3,684,790.25	90.33%
Weimar ISD	\$1,628,819.06	\$1,779,657.18	91.52%
Rice CISD	\$4,561,920.34	\$4,851,531.55	94.03%
Colorado County	\$3,008,122.81	\$3,263,451.07	92.18%
Glidden Water	\$11,233.17	\$12,382.72	90.72%
Garwood Water	\$25,456.75	\$28,581.80	89.07%
Eagle Lake, City of	\$310,795.44	\$380,472.58	81.69%

(See Property taxes, Page 10)