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ELPS PTO meeting is Feb. 24

The Eagle Lake Primary School PTO meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 24, in the school cafeteria at 7 p.m. The APC Festival will be discussed for raising funds for field trips. Anyone interested in the children's field trips needs to be at this meeting.

Crime Stoppers Dance, Auction set for March 14

Make plans for the Annual Crime Stoppers Dance and Auction to be held Saturday, March 14, at 8:30 p.m. in the Eagle Lake Community Center. Music will be provided by Keith Taylor! Donations of auction items will be greatly appreciated. Call Lynda Appelt at 234-5878 or Catherine Berger at the Eagle Lake Police Department, 234-2727.

'Fat Sunday' celebration set for Nada

A "Fat Sunday" Mardi Gras fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings will be served Sunday, Feb. 22, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Mary's School in Nada. All tickets must be purchased in advance. The plates will be to go only at \$5.50 each. Deliveries will be made to the square in Eagle Lake at 12 noon. Contact the school at 758-3267 or Grace at 758-3642 for tickets and details. The last day to buy tickets is Feb. 15. The dinner will benefit St. Mary's School.

GED, ABE program in progress

There is a GED and ABE program in progress at Eagle Lake Middle School every Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. If you are in need of either program, come join us.

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from Texas citizens regarding telephone solicitations by law enforcement associations," said Col. Dudley M. Thomas, director of DPS. "The DPS does not solicit financial contributions from private citizens. We receive our funding from the Texas Legislature."

Some organizations solicit funds using names similar to DPS, including "Texas Rangers", "State Troopers", "The Texas Highway Patrol", or "Department of Public Safety".

While some DPS officers may be members of these organizations on their own time, these associations are not affiliated with the DPS, Thomas said. They raise money to fund their own programs, some of which may benefit officers and families.

The 75th Texas Legislature enacted a law that requires these organizations to clarify that they are not part of the DPS and prohibits them from implying that the money they raise will go to the DPS.

In addition, solicitors cannot use names, symbols or statements that are similar to those used by the DPS or the Texas Rangers to confuse or mislead someone who is being asked to give money.

DPS has created an informational brochure about law enforcement solicitation for Texas citizens and established a recorded information line on this topic at 512-424-5588.

Winners

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"Soil and Water Conservation"
By Jill Kloesel, 6th grade, St. Michael's, Weimar, 1st place Elementary Division

Drip...Drip...Drip. "All you do is drip. Water is a liquid that people need to live and it seems like nobody cares about conserving water" shouted the soil.

"I know they think I'll be here forever, but I won't if they don't conserve me. It makes me so upset to see myself being wasted because of this stupid leaky faucet that needs to be repaired," cried water. "I think it's time we have a talk about conserving water and soil before it's too late. Here are a few ways you can help to save water now, so we can avoid shortages in the future," sobbed the water. "Take short showers and when you brush your teeth don't leave the water running," said water.

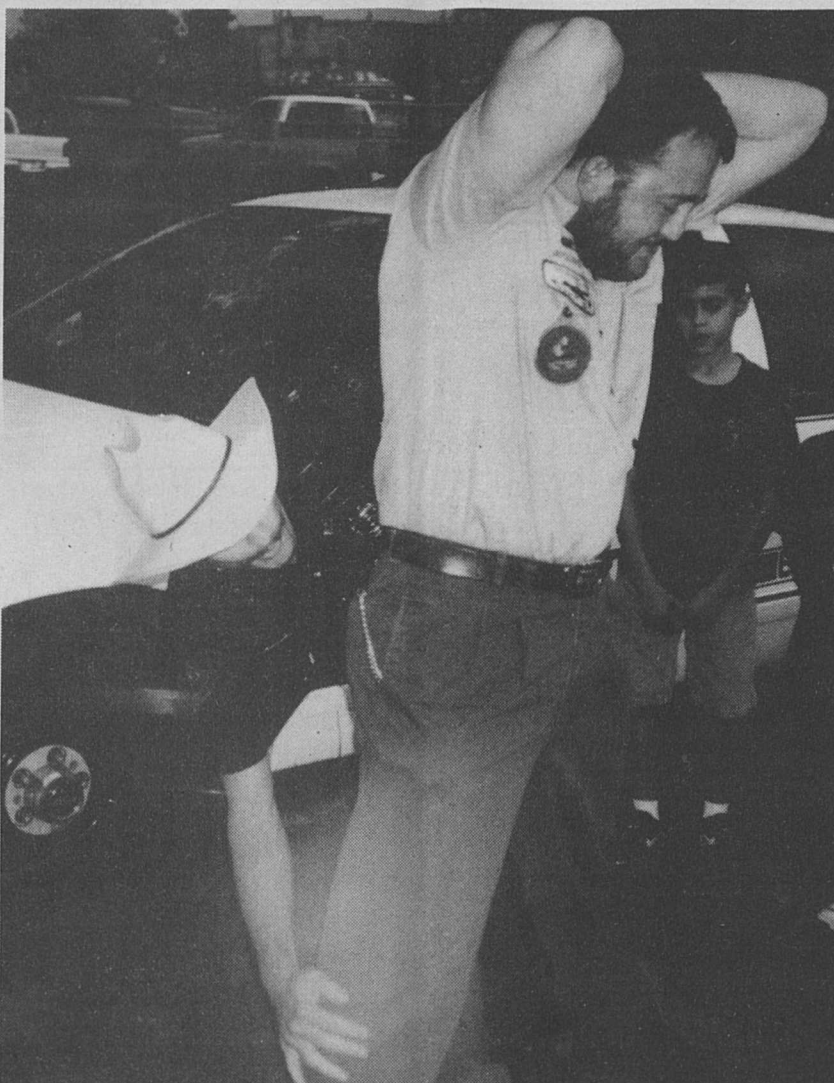
"I have an idea," yelled soil. "When you take a bath don't fill the tub up all the way. All you need is a couple of inches of water to take a bath. One more very important thing you can do is please don't pollute," exclaimed water.

"People also need to learn how to conserve me," cried soil.

Here are a few examples of saving soil. You can plant trees around your crops as a windbreaker so you don't blow me away," grumbled soil.

"I have a great idea," cried water. "If you have an area of bare soil, you need to plant crops or plants in the ground to hold the soil in or else the soil will erode. Another method you could use is contour plowing which prevents soil from washing away. This modern method stops erosion and conserves precious rainfall. Just remember you can save water and soil in many ways," exclaimed soil.

"If everyone saves a little we can all save a lot," yelled water.



Cubmaster arrested!

Cubmaster Mark Rotter was the suspect in a surprise, mock arrest by Officer Bill Lattimore during a tour of the Eagle Lake Police Department by the local Cub Scout pack. The Scouts got a chance to view the complete arrest process.

Photo Courtesy of Cub Scouts

COLUMBUS LIVESTOCK AUCTION REPORT

Sale Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

We will be on the air at KULM, Columbus, Wednesdays from 6:30 to 6:45 a.m. and Thursdays, live at ring side, from 2:00 to 2:15 p.m.

We had a very active sale. The packer cows and bulls were very active. We had a lot of buyers on hand and a few new buyers which makes for a very active sale.

If we can help you with marketing your livestock, please call George Hagan or Art Moeller, 409-732-2622. If you need a truck, trailer or men to work cattle, we're as near as the phone. Out of town, call collect; your calls are welcome. Try us on your next shipment. Call George Hagan, residence 409-732-2553; Art Moeller, 409-732-2934; or Kenneth Brune, 409-732-5815.

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Market Report for Feb. 12, 1998
Animals on hand: 899; 3 horses, 4 sheep and

goats.

Packer cows: higher dressing quality & cutter cows, 40-45¢ per lb.; lower dressing utility & cutter cows, 34-40¢ per lb.; lighter weight canner cows, 28-35¢.

Packer bulls: heavy weight bulls, 49-53¢; utility cutter bulls, 40-49¢; lightweight canner bulls, 38-45¢.

Stocker/Feeder Calves/Yearlings

Steers #1: 200-300 lbs., 95¢-1.22; 300-400 lbs., 95¢-1.14; 400-500 lbs., 95¢-1.02; 500-600, 85-91¢.

Steers #2&3: 200-300 lbs., 48-95¢; 300-400 lbs., 66-95¢; 400-500 lbs., 70-95¢; 500-600, 72-85¢.

Heifers #1: 200-300 lbs., 90¢-1.01; 300-400 lbs., 90¢-1.15; 400-600 lbs., 85¢-1.00; 500-600, 80-93¢.

Heifers #2&3: 200-300 lbs., 75-90¢; 300-400 lbs., 43-90¢; 400-600 lbs., 85-98¢; 500-600, 52-80¢.

Stocker cows: good stocker cows & heifers, \$400-500 by head; med. stocker cows & heifers, \$300-400 by head; good cow & calf pairs, \$700-800; med. cow & calf pairs, \$600-700; common cow & calf pairs, \$400-600.

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for the first two months of 1997.

Feb. rebates to some other Texas cities showing increased year-to-date rebates, as compared to those reflecting sales from last year, were:

Plano, \$4.8 million, up 5.9% year-to-date;

Corpus Christi, \$3.6 million, +5.9% year-to-date;

Lubbock, \$3.1 million, +6.4% year-to-date;

Tyler, \$3 million, +11.2% year-to-date; and,

Abilene, \$2.9 million, +7.3% year-to-date.

Cities in our area, the amount of their sales tax rebate this month along with the change from the same month last year are:

Columbus, \$86,925.20, up 11.93%; Weimar, \$14,341.34, +4.23%; Sealy, \$134,624.49, +61.84%; Bellville, \$30,658.77, +26.89%; El Campo, \$188,545.75, up 15.89%; and Wharton, \$111,080.79, down 4.64%.

Year-to-date for the above cities and the change from last year are: Columbus, \$135,548.81, +11.03%; Weimar, \$23,641.89, +18.99%; Sealy, \$222,810.74, +63.02%; Bellville, \$46,259.77, +21.59%; El Campo, \$305,054.57, +7.94%; and Wharton, \$180,824.70, -0.22%.

On the county level, Colorado County received \$69,523.11, up 6.77% from last year's payment of \$65,111.01. Austin County received \$103,540.61, up 25.84%; Wharton County, \$128,802.16, up 13.78%.

Year-to-date figures for these counties are, Colorado, \$109,348.85, up 8.53%; Austin, \$160,492.79, +17.56%; Wharton, \$228,290.33, +18.99%.

"We now have the sales tax allocations comparison summary available to Internet subscribers," Sharp said. "It is a pleasure to provide comprehensive information such as this to the taxpayers of Texas."

To access sales tax information, go to <http://www.window.state.tx.us and click on "Texas Taxes", scroll to "Tax Information" and click on "The Sales Tax" where a history of a wide variety of information, including sales taxes by city, county, special purpose district and transit authority, all updated monthly, will appear.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, March 13.

*These cities increased their portions from 1% to 1.5% (Columbus in April 1996 and Sealy in Oct. 1997) therefore, this is not an accurate comparison.

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Columbus, City of	\$186,425.31	\$201,401.64	92.56%
Weimar, City of	\$148,499.33	\$164,330.36	90.37%
Rice Hospital District	\$456,965.50	\$490,199.86	93.22%
Total tax rolls: \$14,856,799.01			

Total collected: \$13,666,873.50

Percent collected: 91.99%

Outstanding Amounts			
Columbus ISD	\$356,154.46	Eagle Lake City	\$69,677.14
Weimar ISD	\$150,838.12	Columbus City	\$14,976.33
Rice CISD	\$289,611.21	Weimar City	\$15,831.03
Colorado County	\$255,328.26	Rice Hospital	\$33,234.36
Glidden Water	\$1,149.55		
Garwood Water	\$3,125.05	Total	\$1,189,925.51

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PUBLIC MEETING AND APPLICATION NOTICE HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The City of Eagle Lake will hold a meeting on the HOME Program Tuesday, February 24, 1998, at 6:00 PM, at the Eagle Lake City Hall to explain the program and inform homeowners about the availability of housing rehabilitation assistance. The HOME Program provides help to eligible homeowners within the City of Eagle Lake for home repair. A program information sheet is available at City Hall. Applications will be taken Wednesday, February 25, 1998, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, at Eagle Lake City Hall. Applications will only be taken this one day unless further notice is published. Please bring the following for your application: 1) Proof of income (pension, social security, rental property, interest, etc.); and, 2) Home: warranty deed or other proof of ownership. Disabled persons access assistance available. An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Program.

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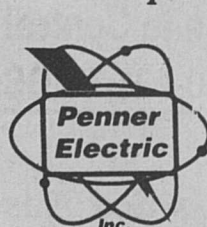
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