

Youth Fall Festival is Nov. 21

Everyone is invited to St. Mary's Youth Fall Festival Sunday, Nov. 21, at the Nada Community Center. The afternoon begins with a variety shoot from 1 to 4 p.m. Prizes to be awarded include turkeys, steaks, bacon, sausage and gift certificates. There will also be women's and children's rounds. From 4 to 8 p.m., hamburgers, chili, pastries and other refreshments will be available to purchase. Festi-

val booths will include cake walk, Christmas crafts and a silent auction. There will be games for kids and dominoes for adults. The evening will conclude with a drawing for 23 prizes. Tickets can be purchased from Kim Gold or by calling 409-758-3928. Proceeds will benefit continued Christian Education and youth activities.

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SWCD Director Schultz receives service award

Theodore (Ted) Schultz of the Frelsburg area was recognized for 20 years of service to the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) at the 59th Annual Meeting of Texas SWCD held Oct. 18-20 in Lubbock.

The annual meeting of SWCDs enables conservation district directors to address issues affecting soil and water conservation programs and their potential impacts on Texas farmers, ranchers and timber producers.

Schultz, who serves the Colorado SWCD, has represented Zone I of the district since 1978 and has served as board secretary since 1988. Schultz serves as chairman of the Environmental Committee which oversees the Coloring, Poster and Essay contest. He also serves as chairman of the Finance Committee. In addition to the local responsibilities, Schultz is Colo-



radio SWCD's representative to the Sam Houston RC&D where he serves on the board of directors.

Teddy, as he is best known, is a farmer and rancher but his heart is in (See Schultz, Page 10)

Celebrating Veterans on Veterans Day

A Day for Honoring All Veterans

Veterans day is a special day for VFW members. Unlike Memorial Day, it is a time to remember all veterans - both living and dead - and their sacrifices. It should not be a day of sadness, but a time of pride and reflection on what veterans have accomplished and the freedoms they have protected.

Remembering the End of World War I

As most veterans know, Veterans Day was originally known as Armistice Day, an observance and anniversary of the end of World War I. Following the Korean War, President Eisenhower signed a bill expanding Armistice Day to honor all veterans. Congress passed a law in 1968 that changed the date to the fourth Monday in Oct.

Appropriately, though, the American people rejected that idea, perhaps fearing that the meaning of the day would become clouded in

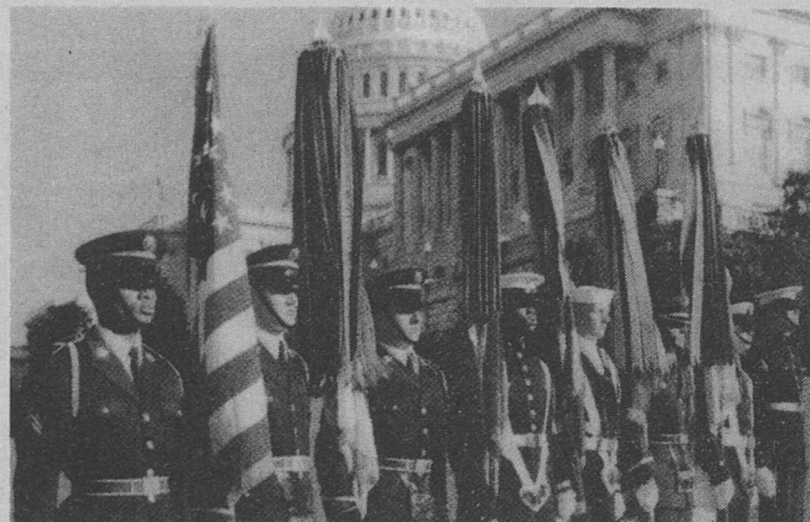
the haze of yet another excuse for a three-day weekend. In 1978, Congress returned Veterans Day to its traditional Nov. 11 observance.

"Helping the Living"

VFW's own traditional observance includes a visit by its national Commander-in-Chief to Arlington National Cemetery. Through the years, numerous Chiefs have relished the honor of representing VFW at these solemn ceremonies, which are held at the Tomb of the Unknowns. VFW's motto - "honor the dead by helping the living" - is especially appropriate for Veterans Day. Volunteering to help others less fortunate, passing along history lessons firsthand to school children and improving the quality of life for active duty troops are just some of the activities that VFW members perform to illustrate that phrase.

Still Serving America

And while it captures the essence of Veterans Day, honoring the dead by



helping the living is fulfilled every day by VFW members throughout the nation.

VFW hopes that through its members actions, all U.S. citizens will take time to ponder how veterans have contributed to the nation. When one looks at rows and rows of white crosses in a military cemetery, it's

obvious. But the nation is full of veterans who are still with us. They continue to actively serve their communities in an effort to improve the country they love. Remember them on Nov. 11.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Youth of Mt. Moriah to hold car wash

The Youth of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church will hold a car wash and bake sale at Burger King, Hwy. 71 in Columbus on Saturday, Nov. 13, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is urged to stop by and help support the church group.

VFW drawing, service set for Nov. 11

A drawing will be held after the Memorial Service at 9 a.m. on the town square. If you haven't purchased your ticket, you can do so before the Service. Tickets are six for \$5 or \$1 each. Call Len Matula at 234-3947 or Melvin Stancik at 234-2534 for more information.

Project Graduation meeting is Nov. 15

A Senior Serve and Project Graduation Meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 15, at Rice High School. All interested persons are asked to attend.

RMCEV need your help

Rice Medical Center Employee Volunteers (RMCEV) need your help in making their white elephant sale on Nov. 13 a success. If you have any items you would like to donate by Friday, Nov. 12, please drop them off at the hospital. No shoes or clothes this year please. For questions or information, call Jody Carter at 409-234-5571.

Senior Friends luncheon is Nov. 18

Senior Friends of Gulf Coast Medical Center will have their annual Thanksgiving Day Celebration covered dish luncheon on Nov. 18 at 11:30 a.m. in the O'Quinn Room at the Wharton Civic Center. You must have reservations. Call Sherri at 409-282-6808 before Nov. 15. Bring your favorite dish.

MMCB Pastor's Aide program is Nov. 14

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church (MMCB) of Alleyton, presents its Pastor's Aide Program Sunday, Nov. 14, at 3 p.m. Special guests will be Pastor Rollins and Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Brookshire. The community is invited.

10 Star all-star basketball camp

Applications are now being evaluated by the Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp. Boys and girls ages 7-19 can apply. Players are selected by invitation only. Past participants include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan and Grant Hill. Camp locations include Commerce, Texas; Riverside, Calif.; Lake Wales, Florida; Atlanta, Georgia; Champaign, Ill.; Fort Wayne, Ind.; Atchison, Kan.; Georgetown, Ken.; Northfield, Minn.; Raleigh, N.C.; Boiling Springs, N.C.; Rochester, N.Y.; North Canton, Ohio; and Farmville, Virg. College basketball scholarships are possible for the most advanced players. For an evaluation form, call 704-372-8610 anytime.

CCA meeting tonight

Combined Community Action, Inc (CCA) will hold its Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m. at the CCA Nutrition Center at 275 Ellinger Road in La Grange. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

Parenting workshop set for Nov. 11

A Parenting, Self-Esteem and Family Values Workshop will be held Thursday, Nov. 11, at Providence Baptist Church in Eagle Lake from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Workshop presenter is Ms. Elaine Ward, a program specialist, 4-H & Youth Development from Prairie View A&M University. Baby sitting will be furnished by the Eagle Lake 4-H if needed.

Extravaganza set for Nov. 13

The Rice Medical Center Employee Volunteers will hold their 2nd Annual Extravaganza Saturday, Nov. 13, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center.

There will be a white elephant sale, bake sale, silent auction, food and games featuring a moonwalk with Shamu the whale. A Thanksgiving and Christmas arts and crafts show will be included. There will be early arrival of Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus with photographs available from noon to 3 p.m. Door prizes will be given. Come join us for a fun day. If you would like to rent booth space or for more information, call Jody Carter at 409-234-5571.

ICE House expands weight room

The ICE House has expanded its weight room and recreation facility to better serve the community. For a \$40 contribution, from Nov. 1 until Jan. 31, we offer three months of weights, basketball, table tennis and pool. We also offer more! Fitness equipment, a positive atmosphere and supervision of all activities. For more information, call 409-234-7990 and ask for Troy.

PVU Gospel Showcase is Nov. 20

Prairie View University (PVU) presents a Pre-Thanksgiving Gospel Showcase Saturday, Nov. 20, at 6 p.m. where the Mt. Moriah Youth Choir will be part of that service. All community churches are invited.

Eagle Lake's monthly sales tax rebate drops

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander last week delivered a total of \$244.7 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,098 Texas cities and 118 counties, a 0.4% decrease compared to the \$245.8 million paid in Nov. 1998. Year-to-date, payments to cities and counties are running 5.1% ahead of last year.

The City of Eagle Lake received a rebate in the amount of \$12,368.49, down 26.43% from the \$16,813.96 received last Nov., bringing the City's year-to-date total to \$141,615.81, 5.81% ahead of 1998.

Nov. sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected by monthly tax filers in Sept., and quarterly filers on July, Aug. and Sept. sales, and reported to the Comptroller in Oct.

"Nov. sales tax rebates are lower for some Texas cities, compared to one year ago, but year-to-date sales tax rebates for most Texas cities are running higher than last year. The Texas economy remains strong,"

Comptroller Rylander said.

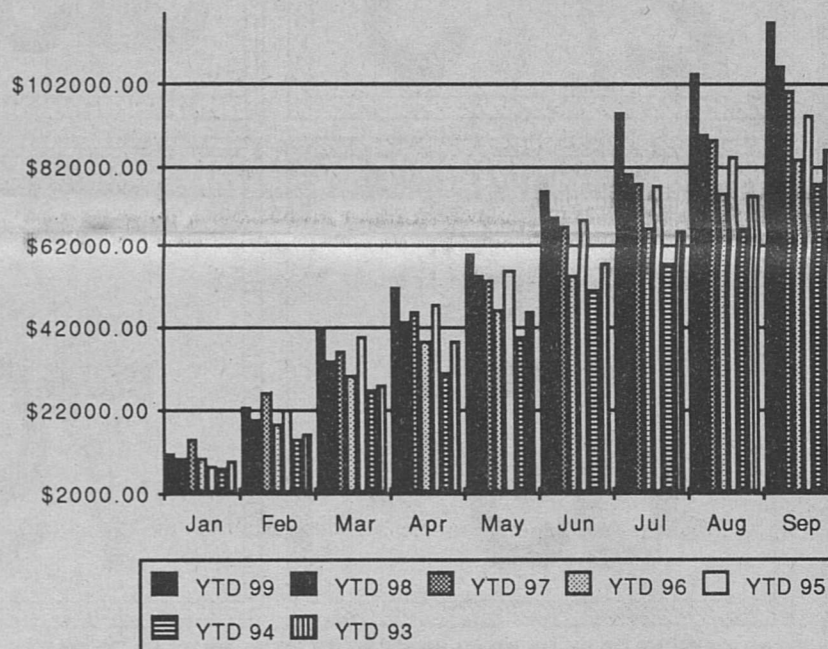
Rylander delivered Nov. sales tax rebates of \$227.4 million to Texas cities, down 0.1% compared to last Nov. Texas counties received Nov. sales tax rebates of \$17.2 million, down 3.7% compared to one year ago.

Another \$7.8 million went to 44 special-purpose taxing districts around the state.

One of those special purpose district, Rice Hospital District, received a rebate in the amount of \$8,071.07, down 18.51% from the \$9,905.46 received last Nov. The District's year-to-date total of \$95,538.25 is 20.68% ahead of the same period in 1998.

Other cities in the Eagle Lake area, the amount of their sales tax rebate this month along with the change from the same month last year are:

Columbus, \$66,537.19, down 4.56%; Weimar, \$12,823.75, up 5.69%; Sealy, \$105,788.74, down 4.56%; Bellville, \$34,201.64, (See Rebates, Page 10)



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

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the calls and cases for the week ending Nov. 8.

On Nov. 2, at 10:10 a.m. Officer Stephen Nelson was dispatched to Fairview St. to speak with a complainant. The complainant was told that the matter was civil and instructed with whom to talk.

Officer Nelson was dispatched to a residential alarm on E. Main St. at 2:34 p.m., which proved to be a false alarm.

At 2:43 p.m., Officer Nelson was dispatched to a loose dog call on Schley St. A warning was issued to the owner of the loose dog.

On Nov. 3, at 6:30 a.m. Officer Nelson was flagged down by a complainant in reference to a disturbance on Heritage Lane. The matter was resolved at the scene without police action.

At 10:47 a.m., Officer Nelson met with a complainant in reference to the theft of an ATV and trailer from Prai-

rie St. Information was gathered and a report filed. The information was entered into TCIC/NCIC records.

Officer Nelson discovered a structure fire in the 500 block of Eight St. and the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to the scene. Assisting Nelson with traffic control was Lt. Clem Johnson, Officer LaWanda Alley, DPS Trooper Krennek, Deputy Deborah Benavides and Game Biologist Herman.

At 9:27 p.m., Officer Alley was dispatched to Fairview St. in reference to loud music. She made contact and the music was turned down.

On Nov. 4, at 11:14 a.m. Officer Nelson arrested J.T. Black on an outstanding warrant for parole violation. After processing, Black was transported the Colorado County Detention Center (CCDC) for confinement.

At 12:05 p.m., Officer Randy Schlauch arrested Bobby Ray Guthrie on an outstanding warrant for motion to adjudicate. After processing, he

was transported to CCDC for confinement.

At 12:49 p.m., Officer Nelson was dispatched to the 800 block of E. Main St. in reference to a shoplifter. The subject was located, issued a criminal trespass warning and instructed not to return to the property.

Officer Nelson conducted a traffic stop in the 300 block of W. Main St. which resulted in the arrest of Esther Hernandez on an outstanding county warrant. Hernandez was additionally charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. She was transported CCDC for confinement.

At 5:45 p.m., Janet Schunka was arrested on two outstanding county warrants, processed and transported to CCDC for confinement.

On Nov. 5, at 12:32 a.m., Sgt. Bill Lattimore and Officer Alley were dispatched to D Street in reference to a disturbance. They met with subjects and the problem was resolved at the scene.

At 9:33 a.m., Officer Nelson arrested Larry Henderson on an outstanding district warrant, processed him and transported him to CCDC for confinement.

Officer Schlauch met with a complainant at 11 a.m. who reported the theft of a bicycle. A report was filed. At 2:50 p.m., Officer Nelson arrested Dwayne Alan Gallaher on a felony warrant for failure to appear/possession of a controlled substance. He was processed at the police department, then transported to CCDC for confinement.

Officer Nelson was dispatched to Raezer St. in reference to criminal mischief at 3:36 p.m. A report was filed.

At 10:39 p.m., Officer Alley and Sgt. Lattimore were dispatched to Rice Medical Center in reference to a possible alcohol poisoning. A report was filed and the case is under investigation.

On Nov. 6, at 9:30 a.m., Officer Brian Lasley met with complainants on S. Austin Rd. in reference to the burglary of a vehicle. Information was gathered and a reported filed.

At 6 p.m., Sgt. Tim Crume was dispatched to Waverly St. in reference to a theft. Upon his arrival, the complainant changed her mind and did not want to press charges. No further police action was taken.

On Nov. 7, at 7:13 a.m., Officer Lasley met with a complainant on Stockbridge St. in reference to an unwanted subject on the property. The subject was later located and issued a written criminal trespass warning.

At 12:25 p.m., Officer Lasley was dispatched to a residence on N. Lake Ave. in reference to a criminal trespass. A criminal trespass warning was issued to a subject.

Sgt. Crume was dispatched to W. Main St. in reference to a disturbance which had occurred on W. Post Office Street. Crume went to the Post Office St. location and met with the subject at that location. The matter was resolved without further action.

At 9:25 p.m., Officer Michael Krennek was dispatched to a disturbance on Keith St. Information was gathered and a report filed. The case is under investigation.

On Nov. 8, at 3:42 a.m., Officers were dispatched to E. State St. in reference to a man with a knife. Arturo Cerna was arrested by Sgt. Crume for aggravated assault with a deadly (See Police, Page 10)

Bill exempts some vets from 'feeding meter'

Senate Bill (SB) 416, which was signed by the Governor in June, provides that vehicles displaying Disabled Veteran, Congressional Medal of Honor, Former Prisoner of War, Pearl Harbor Survivor and Purple Heart Recipient license plates are exempt from the payment of parking fees, including a fee collected through a parking meter, charged by a governmental authority other than a branch of the federal government.

These vehicles are only exempt from the parking fees if they are being operated by or for the person who registered the vehicle with the above mentioned license plates.

SB 416 was passed by the 76th Texas Legislature (1999) and was effective immediately upon the Governor's signing on June 19, 1999.