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To The Editor & You

Thank you, Boot Camp cadets

The citizens of Eagle Lake, Mayor and Aldermen would like to thank Captain Karl Ford and several of the residents of Colorado County Juvenile Facility for their tremendous ef-

forts toward cleaning up Eagle Lake. Their efforts are greatly appreciated. Under the guidance and supervision of Captain Ford and Doug Schwemm, residents of the CCFJ

spent many hours cleaning debris from the Eagle Lake Municipal Park, FM 1093, Hwy. 90A and the old railroad easement. They concluded their day at Sportsman's Restaurant for lunch, generously provided by Doug and Janie Schwemm.

These individuals worked very hard cleaning up Eagle Lake. It is now time to do your part, and keep it clean.

For more information regarding the clean up of Eagle Lake, please leave a message for Mayor René Cooper-Scott, 234-2640; Doug Schwemm at Sportsman's Restaurant, 234-3071; or the Main Street Office, 234-6933.

Cancer Society's 'Relay for Life'

The American Cancer Society (ACS) has been very successful in holding an event called "Relay for Life".

Our Colorado County Unit has been considering having a "Relay for Life" within our county. As president of the County ACS, I am asking for help. I have been an ACS volunteer for over 25 years in several capacities. This "Relay for Life" is a big undertaking and the County Executive Board is an aging group. We need help from some young, dedicated people.

This event honors cancer survivors as well as memorializing those who did not survive this terrible disease. It's also a fun event involving teams who participate in the relay and camp out during the evening and night. It is a 12-hour event which usually takes place on a local high school football field. We have all the supplies and in-

formation that's needed to do this, but we need help from the community!

The Relay also raises money for cancer research and education and patient services.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Barbara Shisler at 979-732-3809 and/or come to a rally at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, at St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall on Preston Street in Columbus. The church is at 915 Travis and the parish hall is directly behind.

The vestry of St. John's has graciously agreed to let us use their facility to hold this rally.

If this rally is successful, we will have another in the same place, at the same time Saturday, Sept. 14.

Hope to hear from you!
Barbara Shisler
President Colorado County Unit of the ACS

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

June 29, 1978

Final plans for the Independence Day celebration to be held Monday and Tuesday, July 3 and 4, are being made by Chamber of Commerce officers and committee chairmen. They are Dorothy Jones, chamber secretary; Brock Ashby, July 4th committee chairman; Susan Causey, arts and crafts show chairman; and Bill Appel, chamber president...

Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Duncan of Altair announced the birth of their first child, a daughter, born at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital on June 21. She has been named Misy Ann...

Thirty-three women athletes in sports have received letters at Southwest Texas State University. Julia Thomas, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Raymond Thomas of Eagle Lake, was a freshman letterman in tennis. Theodore Roosevelt (Ted) Cla, retired line foreman for Central Power

Gubernatorial race looks like war

War has broken out in Texas. Fortunately, no guns or bombs are involved — at least yet. The gubernatorial race has been far from a love-in, but last week it really got dirty.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry's campaign started using ads suggesting that a Laredo savings and loan owned by Democratic contender Tony Sanchez had been involved in drug money laundering back in the 1980s.

Even some Republicans have said that allegation is out of line based on the known facts, and Sanchez' campaign quickly countered with an ad that Perry's camp has been lying in its ads. But, practicing good PR, the Sanchez ad did not repeat the allegation.

The political ads may do better in



the ratings this fall than some of the new shows.

Sept. 11 monument planned

A monument honoring Texans killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks or in the war that followed is being planned for the State Cemetery in Austin.

Gov. Perry has appointed a design committee to review proposals from Texas artists, architects or engineers. Only Texans are eligible to enter the

competition. The winning design will be unveiled at a memorial service on the anniversary of the attack.

The design entry must incorporate two steel beams recovered from the World Trade Center wreckage. The monument is expected to cost about \$100,000 and will be paid for with private funds, the governor's office said.

Four Texans were killed in the attack — three in the World Trade Center and one at the Pentagon. Three Texas soldiers have died in Afghanistan.

Comptroller offers upbeat news

With the possible exception of anti-acid manufacturers, the stock market hasn't benefitted many Texans of late, but the comptroller's office has come up with a little good news: The state actually gained jobs during the first half of the year.

According to the comptroller, Texas had a net gain of 27,300 jobs. Among the 10 largest states only Texas and California saw an increase in jobs, and Texas had eight times as many new jobs as the Golden State.

Another cheery piece of news is that for the first time since last Dec., sales tax collections grew by 1% in June.

Meanwhile, down on the farm...

The Texas Department of Agriculture is looking for farms and ranches that have been in the same family for a century or more. And now, no one's trying to buy them.

The department is taking applications for the 2002 Family Land Heritage Program, which honors longtime owners of agricultural land. Since 1974, when the program began, nearly 3,700 farms and ranchers in 219 counties have been recognized.

Applications and more information on the program can be found on the agency's web site, www.agr.state.tx.us or by contacting the department (See Highlights, Page 3)

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Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Colorado County adopts a 2002 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.38594 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2001 taxes by \$ 61,100

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
GO	\$3,530,000
IES	\$265,000

Schedule B - 2002 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Series 1994 (expand as needed)	\$ 160,000	\$ 128,805	\$ 300	\$ 289,105
Total required for 2002 debt service			\$ 289,105	
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$ 0	
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$ 0	
- Excess collections last year			\$ 0	
- Total to be paid from taxes in 2002			\$ 289,105	
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only <u>100</u> % of its taxes in 2002			\$ 0	
- Total Debt Levy			\$ 289,105	

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes)
In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$ 667,153.15 in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

Schedule D - State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The Colorado County Auditor certifies that Colorado County has spent \$ _____ in the previous 12 months beginning _____, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. _____ County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Schedule E - Transfer of Department, Function or Activity

The _____ spent \$ _____ from _____ to _____ on the _____. The _____ operates this function in all or a majority of the _____. [Second Year of Transfer: Modify schedule to show comparison of amount this year and preceding year by unit receiving the function.]

Schedule F - Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures

The _____ spent \$ _____ from _____ to _____ on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$ _____

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Colorado County Central Appraisal District
Name of person preparing this notice Billy Youens
Title Chief Appraiser
Date prepared August 1, 2002

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2002 Property Tax Rates in Colorado County

This notice concerns 2002 property tax rates for Colorado County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 2,343,934	\$ 1,218,598	\$ _____
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 304,304	\$ 0	\$ _____
Last year's total taxes	\$ 2,648,238	\$ 1,218,598	\$ _____
Last year's tax base	\$994,458,256	\$985,124,726	\$ _____
Last year's total tax rate	\$.26630 /\$100	\$.12370 /\$100	\$ _____ /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 2,627,628	\$ 1,208,076	\$ _____
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$996,839,009	\$987,386,689	\$ _____
- This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.26359 /\$100	\$.12235 /\$100	\$ _____ /\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.38594 /\$100		
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$.39751 /\$100		

In the first year a county collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ _____ /\$100
- Effective tax rate	\$ _____ /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 2,992,846	\$ 1,208,076	\$ _____
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$996,839,009	\$987,386,689	\$ _____
- This year's effective operating rate	\$.30023 /\$100	\$.12235 /\$100	\$ _____ /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.32424 /\$100	\$.13213 /\$100	\$ _____ /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$.02836 /\$100	\$.00000 /\$100	\$ _____ /\$100
- This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.35260 /\$100	\$.13213 /\$100	\$ _____ /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.48473 /\$100		

A county that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$.06545 /\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$.41928 /\$100

For a county with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rate for pollution control	\$ _____ /\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$ _____ /\$100

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