

City receives \$23,466 in sales tax rebates

Eagle Lake received \$23,466; Columbus \$38,250; and Weimar \$19,261 from State Comptroller Bob Bullock as their share of the one-percent city sales tax for August. A total of \$97.9 million was sent to 967 Texas cities.

Eagle Lake's rebate was down from last year's comparable payment of \$30,436, but year to date totals show the city is still ahead of last year's total by 15.91 percent.

"So far, these monthly rebates of local taxes are running nearly 12 percent ahead of last year's totals

(statewide)," Bullock said. "As we predicted last month, the oil glut has slowed down the pace of this growth markedly, especially in the places that were experiencing oil booms. But the general state growth rate is still strong and healthy."

Houston received the biggest share of the one-cent local sales tax with a check for \$20 million, based on taxable sales of \$1.96 billion by 51,166 business outlets. So far in 1982, Houston's payments are up 14 percent over 1981.

Sheridan ambulance benefit reminder

A reminder about advance tickets for the Sheridan Emergency Aid Ambulance Benefit Barbecue, to be held Saturday, September 11, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sheridan Community Center by SEA members is issued as the benefit date begins to draw near.

The chicken and sausage dinners will be sold for \$2.75 for children and \$3.75 for adults. The dinner will be served inside the building with plates to go also available.

Ticket purchasers will be asked to sign the back of the ticket and drop them in a box at the serving line. At the 1 p.m. serving time, a drawing for door prizes will be held, with prizes as follows: 68 qt. ice chest, donated by Sheridan Lumber Company; 3 piece cast

aluminum BBQ set, Skips Restaurant Equipment, Victoria; \$25 cash gift, Sheridan Package Store; \$10 gift certificate, Sandy Creek Drive-In; Silk Bower arrangement, Bits and Pieces, Diana Wunderlich, Sheridan; Hamburger, French fries and malt dinner, Sheridan Dairy Delight.

Proceeds and donations from this benefit barbecue will go toward the purchase of an ambulance for the Sheridan community. Support of this organization will be greatly appreciated.

Members to be contacted to buy barbecue tickets from are: the Jean Walker family or the Sheridan Lumber Company, Delene Holub, Loretta McCleod, Vicki Ashley, Johnny or Rocky Jahn, Albert or Earlene Bodar.

Queen contestants sought in County Fair

Girls between the ages of 14 and 21 are invited to enter the Colorado County Fair Queen Contest which will be held during the Fair activities September 16-19. Contestants must be single and residents of Colorado County.

The winner in the beauty competition will be crowned by retiring 1981 Fair Queen, Deborah Hayward of Weimar.

The contestant selling the most Fair memberships and season passes will be crowned by Reining

4-H Dog Show, Children's Pet Show scheduled at Fair

Children with pets of all kinds and 4-H members with registered dogs are invited by the Colorado County Fair to enter their animals in competition on September 18th, during the Fair.

In the 4-H Open Dog Show, dogs must have their registration number and classes entered are Obedience - Sub-Novice and Obedience - Novice.

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Colorado County 1982 Critical Fair Deadlines

The following are the remaining critical deadlines for pre-registration of exhibits for the 1982 Colorado County Fair to be held in Columbus September 16-19. Potential exhibitors are encouraged to register their intent to compete, even though the item may not yet be completed. Your exhibit is not due until Fair time, remind committee chairman.

4-H Open Dog Show: Dr. Curtis Laughlin, 234-2544 or 234-2788, general chairman; Sept. 10.

Children's Pet Show: Dr. Curtis Laughlin, 234-2544 or 234-2788, general chairman; Sept. 10.

Jr. and Little Mr. and Miss Contest: Lynda Appel, 234-3808, general chairman; Garwood-Nada, Dorothy White, 758-3577; Sheridan, Janet Dupre, 234-3145; Sept. 13.

Art Show: Mary Hellrung Richter, 732-2507, general chairman; Sept. 10.

Western Art: Virginia Hawthorne, 732-5629 or 732-6271; Sept. 10.

Photography Contest: Cheryl Schonenberg, 732-3283; Sept. 10.

Collective Hobbies: Teddy Schultz; Sept. 10.

Fair Queen Contest: Dale Heinsohn, 732-5336, general chairman; Eagle Lake, Marsha Waddell, 234-3848; Garwood-Nada, Kim Crane, 758-3886; Sept. 13.

Junior Barnyard: Irvin Janak, Stanley's Supermarket, Columbus or 732-3996; no deadline.

Open and Go-Texan Hay Hauling Contests: Leslie Heinsohn, 732-5336 or 732-5081 (Call for deadline).

Open and Go-Texan Barbecue Cookoffs: Leslie Heinsohn, 732-5336 or 732-5081 (Call for deadline).

Parade: Lil Stallman, 732-2882; Sept. 15 (noon).

Home Economics: Donella Pantel, 732-2530; Sept. 10.

Rice FFA members receive awards



T Lang receives degree

T Lang, left, is shown receiving the Honorary Lone Star Farmer Degree from Susette Baren, President of the Area III Association of the Future Farmers of America. Mr. Lang received his degree at the Area Awards Banquet held in Bellville on Thursday night, August 19.



Star Farmer Awards

Marilyn Mahalic, left, exhibits the awards she received at the Area III Awards Banquet in Bellville recently for being Area Star Lone Star Farmer. She is pictured with Susette Baren (center), Area III President, and Roger Rutledge, right, who was the Area Star Greenhand. Roger and Marilyn are exhibiting the plaques they received from the Area Association and the radio they were presented by the "Progressive Farmer" magazine.



Scholarship recipients

Three Rice FFA members received scholarships valued at \$13,500 from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. John Lee Korenek, left, received a four year \$6,000 scholarship; Ricky Miller, center, received the Colorado County Go-Texan \$1,500 scholarship; and David Shimek, right, received a \$6,000 four year scholarship.

T Lang receives honorary Lone Star Farmer Degree

T Lang, owner of Eagle Tractor, Inc. of Eagle Lake, was honored recently by the Texas Association of Future Farmers of America by being awarded the Honorary Lone Star Farmer Degree. This is the highest honorary degree that a State Association can bestow on individuals that perform outstanding service to the FFA.

The Rice Consolidated FFA Chapter nominated Mr. Lang for the Honorary Degree. Kathy Lahee, 1981-82 Rice FFA President and present Area III Vice-President, submitted the following citation: "The Rice Consolidated Chapter would like to take this opportunity to nominate T Lang for the Honorary Lone Star Farmer Degree. Mr. Lang owns and operates Eagle Tractor, Inc. of Eagle Lake. Mr. Lang's contributions to

The Area III Association of Future Farmers of America held its Annual Awards Banquet, Thursday, August 19, 1982, at 7 p.m. in the Bellville High School cafeteria and auditorium. The purpose of the awards program was to recognize and reward members for their outstanding accomplishments during the past year.

The awards program was conducted by the 1982-83 Area III officers. The officers were: Susette Baren, President; Ben Schaffer, First Vice-President; and other Vice-Presidents were Kathy Lahee of the Rice Consolidated FFA Chapter along with Ronney Herndon and Russell Faldyn.

The officers first recognized the Star Farmers of Area III. Roger Rutledge received an award as the Star Greenhand of Area III. Marilyn Mahalic was also recognized as the Star Lone Star Farmer of the Area and received a plaque. Roger and Marilyn also received portable radios as gifts from the "Progressive Farmer" magazine representative Jeff McKnight for their accomplishments as Star Farmers.

The Area officers also conducted the Honorary Lone Star Farmer Degree Ceremony where adults are granted honorary membership in the FFA for their contributions and service to the Future Farmers of America. Receiving this Honorary Degree from Eagle Lake was T Lang, owner of Eagle Tractor, Inc., for his outstanding service, operation, and contributions to the Rice Consolidated FFA Chapter.

National Foundation Proficiency Award Winners were also recognized. Receiving an award as the Area Coop Production Award winner was Ricky Miller of the Rice FFA Chapter. Ricky was also a winner on the State level and his records are presently under review for a National Award.

The officers also recognized the Area III Judging Contest and Leadership Contest winners. Coby Shorter, III, of the Rice Consolidated FFA Chapter

was recognized as the Area III Public Speaking winner. Coby participated in the State Public Speaking Contest where he placed third.

The Rice FFA Chapter also received the Superior Chapter Rating Award for the numerous successful activities carried out by its chapter members. Coby Shorter received the award on behalf of the chapter.

The Area officers also recognized the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo \$6,000 scholarship winners. Receiving two \$6,000 four year scholarships from the Rice Consolidated Chapter were John Lee Korenek and David Lee Shimek.

Ricky Miller also received the Colorado County Go-Texan Scholarship valued at \$1,500 making a grand total of \$13,500 in scholarships that Rice FFA members have received for their participation in Vocational Agriculture and the FFA.

Following the presentation of V.A.T.A.T. Awards for publicity by Kenneth Hughes, State Ag. Teachers Association President, the closing ceremony was conducted by the Area III officers.

TDPS recruit training school

The Texas Department of Public Safety will conduct a recruit training school starting January 11, 1983 and is in need of qualified applicants to fill State Trooper vacancies, according to Major A. J. Mladenka, Regional Commander of the Department of Public Safety in Houston.

"The qualifications an applicant must meet are: between 20 and 35 years of age, of good moral character, excellent physical condition, a citizen of the United States and have a minimum of sixty college hours." Major Mladenka continued, "In an effort to have an increase in applicants, the sixty college hours can be waived if the applicant has two years of commissioned law enforcement experience or two years of honorable active military service."

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The Endowment will use its resources to assist or start projects which encourage development of inexpensive and innovative conservation techniques, or to set up demonstration projects designed to meet the needs of specific areas.

In the public awareness field, the Endowment will

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