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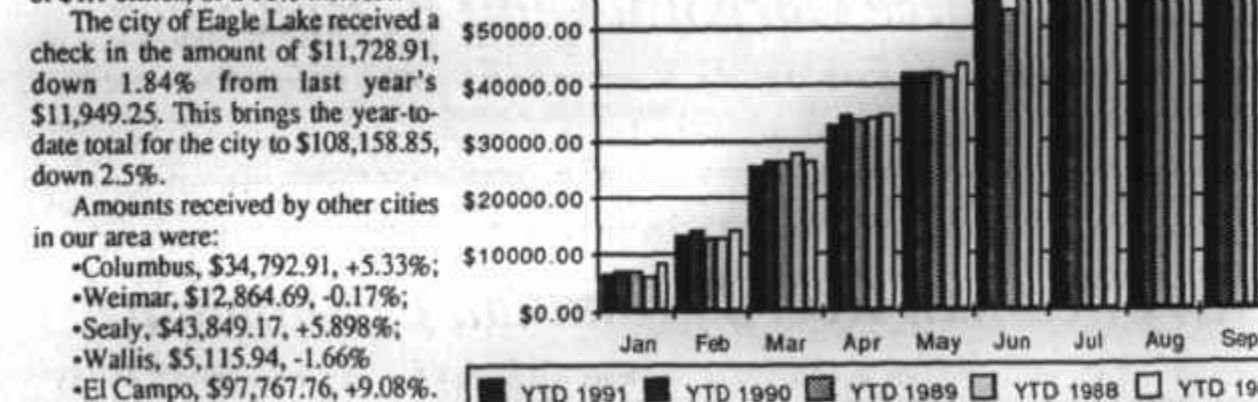
services to local residents," Sharp added.

This month's rebates to 1,065 Texas cities totaled \$137.2 million for a year-to-date total of \$1.2 billion, compared to 1990's year-to-date total of \$1.1 billion, or a 10% increase.

The city of Eagle Lake received a check in the amount of \$11,728.91, down 1.84% from last year's \$11,949.25. This brings the year-to-date total for the city to \$108,158.85, down 2.5%.

Amounts received by other cities in our area were:

- Columbus, \$34,792.91, +5.33%;
- Weimar, \$12,864.69, -0.17%;
- Sealy, \$43,849.17, +5.89%;
- Wallis, \$5,115.94, -1.66%;
- El Campo, \$97,767.76, +9.08%.



The city of Houston received \$23.4 million as of Nov. rebate, the largest payment in the state, to bring that city's 1991 total to \$192.3 million. Dallas received the state's second largest payment, almost \$13 million, for a 1991 total of \$113 million. San Antonio's payment for \$7.4 million was the third largest followed by Austin with \$5.2 million and Ft. Worth with \$4.2 million. El Paso received \$3.3 million bringing that city's 1991 total to \$29.3 million.

This month's payments include taxes collected on Sept. sales and reported in Oct. by businesses filing monthly returns as well as taxes reported by businesses filing quarterly returns for sales made in July, Aug. and Sept.



Police Report

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Tuesday night, the 25th. He was advised that Marvin Thomas had taken items amounting to \$8.78 without paying for them. Thomas was located, arrested and transported to the county jail by Sgt. Jones.

If anyone has any information pertaining to any of these cases, please advise the police department at 234-2727.

Sheriff's Report

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Other Reports

Monday, Nov. 18th, Donald Leopold of Nade reported the overnight theft of a diesel pump from a tank parked approximately 25 feet from FM 1693, Cpl. W.E. "Bill" Latimore found tire tracks as well as two sets of foot prints around the tank along with other evidence. The value of the pump was set at \$350 by Leopold. The case is still under investigation.

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Eagle Lake Community Hospital Patient List

Week ending 11-25-91		Kutach and baby boy.	
Admissions	Dismissals	Garwood: Lulu Schoellmann;	Columbus: Carroll Marshall; El Campo: Garcia baby girl; Dallas: John Jackson; San Felipe: Charlene Solomon and baby girl; Lissie: Norma Hernandez.
Eagle Lake: Lorease Priesmeyer, Ruby Hirschbeck, Donovan Long, Juanita Luna; Houston: Guadalupe Marrero; San Felipe: Gloreatha Manuel and twin boys; East Bernard: Henry Hughes; Glen Flora: Eloisa Espinosa; Rock Island: Bobbie	Eagle Lake: Juana Rodriguez, Audrey Owens, Zelma Haynes, Robert Shelton, Shawanna Petus, Karen Earls and baby girl; Nade: Annie Meisner; Rock Island: Katherine Kelly; Lissie: Martha Hernandez and baby boy;		

from his Ford Bronco 4x4. A tenant in the park had heard what she described as teenage voices behind her trailer the night before at approximately 9:45. The value of the hub was set at \$200 by Phillips. The case remains under investigation.

Also on Thursday morning, Sgt. Richard Frederick investigated the theft of a large portable digger from James Rees' farm in Garwood. No value was noted on the digger, but it was stated that its weight was between 350 and 400 pounds which would probably take two men to lift. The case is still under investigation.

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Commissioners

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Pointing out that the citizens of Columbus made a choice to be "double taxed" when they established an independent hospital district, they challenged the court to solicit funds from other private businesses in the county as well as those providing health care.

Both hospital administrators said their respective facilities absorbed some \$80,000 in indigent care last year and will do the same this year.

"You are asking this hospital (Eagle Lake Community Hospital) to obligate itself to a contract for which it has nothing to gain in return. We have no ability to tax this community to compensate for this service," said Buckner.

"We appeal to your sense of reason and ethics to see that the responsibility for the care of the indigent does not solely rest with our hospital, but is in fact mandated to the county and the hospital districts by the state of Texas."

"We are very sensitive to the problems of indigent health care. Like you, we wish there were easy alternatives to financing care for the poor. However, your request is neither truly equitable nor legally binding. To put your request to a vote will serve the parochial interests of the Columbus community and will work against the hope of a more unified approach to the provision of health care services," said Buckner.

Bacus agreed to discuss the request with the Colorado-Fayette Medical Center board if it were formally presented in writing, but agreed with Buckner and Thomas' comments on the unfairness of singling out two private organizations to give contributions to the contract.

He also reminded the court that the citizens of Columbus had a choice in establishing the hospital district and thereby being double taxed in certain instances.

Following the discussion, Wick's initial request for the funds was withdrawn and no further requests were made.

In other business, the court:

- Entered into an executive session to hear an update on the pending civil suit with an insurance firm on funds missing from the tax-assessor collection office in the amount of \$6,000.
- County Attorney Steve Sebesta and Jim Whitcomb provided the update on the incident which occurred some three years ago.
- Gave audience to Peggy Braden who updated the court on a Parenting Education Grant recently secured by the Colorado County Youth and Family Services Board. The monies will be used to provide educational services to both parents and children.
- Heard a report of a recent meeting of the County Safety Committee by Diane Matus, head of the committee.
- Were notified of a tri-county meeting slated for Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Schobels' Restaurant in Columbus. Colorado County Economic Development Coordinator Dwan Smith will be the guest speaker.
- Agreed to purchase a Nokia cellular telephone and magnetic antenna in the amount of \$196.25 for Sam Center, game warden with the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife.
- Accepted the resignation of Willie Mae Williams from the Children's Service Board and appointed Grace Zatopek to take her place.
- Agreed to aid the city of Eagle Lake in seeking the placement of a prison site for the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice near the city.
- Agreed to pay annual dues in the amount of \$955 to the Texas Association of Counties.
- Acknowledged, but took no action on, a petition filed with the court by Luke Maglio concerning his opposition of a shooting range outside of Eagle Lake near the Colorado County Opportunity Center on Highway 90A.
- Received certificates from the V.G. Young Institute in College Station upon completion of a continuing education course. The certificates were presented by Colorado County Agricultural Extension Agent Rick Jahm.
- Tabled all bids on termite and pest control in county buildings as well as renovation of the tax-assessor collector's office until its next meeting.
- Adopted a resolution to support the reinstatement of the District 13 Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation office in Yoakum. The office was recently relocated in Corpus Christi.

Colorado County Judge H.O. "Butch" Strunk, center, signed a proclamation declaring the week of Nov. 24-30 as the "Week of the Family" during Monday's regular Commissioners' Court meeting. From left are Commissioners Leon "Sonny" Spanihel and Jerome Wick, Bernice Richter, Strunk, Commissioner Otto Loessin, Peggy Braden and Commissioner Johnny Elstner.

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Texas German Society Christmas program Dec. 1

The Texas German Society will present its fifth annual German Christmas program on Sunday, December 1 at the Witte Schmidt Haus in the Schoenau settlement in Austin County. The program will begin at 2:00 with music by the Brenham Community Band under the direction of Ed Wachholz. The band will be on the grounds weather permitting.

Sarah Aschenbeck, great granddaughter of Mrs. Annie Schmidt who lived in the house, will provide music in the meeting room prior to the beginning of the formal program at 2:30 p.m. The main speaker for the afternoon will be Judge Karl Micklitz of Brookshire. A skit and German songs will be provided by the La Grange High School German club under the direction of Lee Ann Hartman.

Mr. Wachholz will give the opening and closing prayers. Other music during the program will be provided by Jack Wiederhold of Giddings. The program will conclude with square dancing outside by the La Grange High School German Club, weather permitting.

Refreshments will be served at the close of the program.

The Witte-Schmidt Haus/Texas German Museum is located one mile north of FM 1457 between Shelby and Industry. Signs on FM 1457 mark the road.

Gloria Hanah of Brenham is president of the Texas German Society. Geraldine Lueg of the Schoenau settlement is the program director. The society is a non-profit organization formed to promote the Texas German heritage, culture, and language. Chapters are located in the following counties: Harris, Fayette, Wharton, Lavaca, Bexar, Brazos and Barleson.

Search is on for rural hero

The search is underway for the rural hero for 1991, according to Ben Bullard, president of the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council which sponsors the annual heroism award.

The 1992 recipient will be announced March 9, 1992, at the 54th annual Texas-Southwestern Safety Conference and Exposition to be held at the Westin Galleria in Houston.

Deadline for submitting 1991 entries is Feb. 7, 1992, Bullard said. Send all nominations to the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council, Box 26899, Waco, Texas, 76702-2689.

To qualify for the honor, a candidate must have performed an heroic act of human lifesaving within Texas during 1991. Preferably it should be related to farming and ranching, Bullard said.

The past year's winner was the late Hardy Murr of Junction. He attempted to resuscitate a fellow worker (Cap Lyn Machen) from entanglement in a stock pond when his horse went in after a calf while rounding up cattle near Carrizo Springs. Murr's family received his award posthumously last March.

Nominations should include a written account of the incident and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all persons involved. Newspaper clippings and photos should also accompany the entry when available.

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Six players receive 'Honorable Mention'...

Rice places two on 20-AAA All-District teams

The all-district players for District 20 AAA football were announced recently. First team offense included: Running Back: Reginald Donner, Rice, senior (U), 5'10", 200 lbs.; and Receiver: Kevin Jackson, Rice, senior, 5'10", 155 lbs.

Also, Center: Devin Kulhanek, Columbus, junior, 6'1", 175 lbs.; Guard: Cliff Elrod, La Grange, junior, 6'0", 250 lbs.; Guard: Chris Krampitz, Sealy, senior, 5'11", 195 lbs.

Tackles: Chad Ekelberg, Sealy, senior (U), 6'3", 215 lbs. and Todd Nelson, Columbus, senior (U), 6'0", 198 lbs.

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Eagle Lake Headlight

CRIME STOPPERS

Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers offer reward

Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers is offering up to \$1,000.00 cash reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons involved in the burglary of the Lippert Exxon Station at 500 E. Main Street. The burglary occurred sometime between the evening hours of Nov. 8, and 6:45 a.m., Nov. 9, 1991, when the burglary was discovered. A cash register was taken.

If you have any information regarding this case or any incident, contact the police department at 234-2727 or Crime Stoppers at 234-5555.

Kohleffel named Grand Marshall for 'Spirit of Christmas' parade

Alvin Kohleffel has been named the Grand Marshall of the lighted "Spirit of Christmas" parade to be held Thursday evening, December 5th. The parade will begin at 7 p.m.

Mr. Kohleffel has contributed many years to the parade by pulling the little Shirley train loaded with children. He has also helped in getting Santa to town for many years. Kohleffel was a member of the City Council for 26 years including 16 years as Mayor Pro-Tem. He is also active in the Grace Lutheran Church.

All churches in the community are reminded to ring their bells at 7 p.m. to mark the beginning of the parade. At the same time, all merchants are asked to turn on their Christmas lights.

Retail businesses are urged to remain open into the evening hours before the parade to accommodate parade viewers with extra shopping time.

Everyone should plan to come see the beautiful lighted entries, shop and enjoy visiting with neighbors. Don't forget to bring the youngsters so they can sit on Santa's lap and tell him their Christmas wishes!

Study Club Christmas Concert next Wednesday



A Southern Christmas Muscicle offered by the Eagle Lake Study Club features this woodcut on the cover of the evening's program. The art, titled "Silent Night, Holy Night", by Nowak is in the Wendish Museum in Serbin, Texas.

Let him know...

Time for Santa letters

My, how time flies! It is time again for Santa letters! The Eagle Lake Headlight will once again be publishing letters from children in grades K-3 in a special "Christmas Greetings" section on Dec. 19th.

Teachers of local schools are asked to have the children write the letters. These schools include: Eagle Lake Primary School, Garwood School, Sheridan School and St. Mary's School.

Please keep all letters separated and labeled by grade and teacher and turn them in to us by Monday, Dec. 9th, at 5 p.m.

We apologize for the short notice, but they are needed as soon as possible in order to get them all published.

Beginning this week, we will be contacting area merchants and elected officials for their Christmas Greetings ads which make the publication of Santa letters possible. If you are not contacted and would like to be included, please call us at 409-234-5521 or come by the office at 220 E. Main, by Thursday, Dec. 12, at 5 p.m.

Eagle Lake Police Department Weekly Report

Nov. 27 - Dec. 3, 1991

Officer Eric Hart was dispatched to a domestic dispute about 1 a.m. on Nov. 27th. Complaint was advised to see the judge if he wished to file charges.

Sgt. Earl Jones was dispatched to a burglary of a habitation on "C" Street, where a house had been broken into and a Sharp AM-FM cassette player was stolen. This case remains under investigation.

Officer Keith Matura was dispatched to Fairway Street on a suspicious person report on the 27th at 7:10 p.m. Upon arrival and checking, the subject was gone.

Also on the evening of the 27th, Officer Matura investigated a criminal mischief report on Schley St. where someone had thrown a rock through a bedroom window. There is a suspect in this case.

Officer Matura also investigated a criminal mischief report on the 28th where the complainant advised him he had been at a birthday party and he believes someone stole his wallet and \$200 cash. There are two suspects. Case remains under investigation.

Sgt. Jones is investigating a report of a burglary of a motor vehicle where a battery was taken from the vehicle. Entry into the vehicle was gained by breaking a side window of the vehicle. It was raining at the time and Sgt. Jones was unable to take any prints.

Officer Hart was advised of a two-vehicle accident at Boothe and McCarty on Dec. 1st at 4:53 p.m. A 1986 Olds Cutlass, driven by Leroy Axel, was east bound on Boothe Drive when he turned into The Cupboard parking lot and was struck by a 1977 Chevrolet Malibu, driven by L.M. Alexander, who was backing out of a parking space. The vehicles sustained minimal damage and there were no injuries to the drivers.

Colorado County Sheriff's Report

On Wednesday, Nov. 27, L.D. Schilling reported to Officer Scott of the sheriff's department that someone had stolen a hydraulic ram from his land on Duncan Lane sometime during the past week. Entry was gained by a gate on the north east side. The missing ram is a red, 3" cross hydraulic ram with hoses, estimated at \$150. Found at the scene was a large crescent wrench which Schilling said must belong to the thief. There are no suspects at this time.

On Sunday, Dec. 1, at about 1:12 a.m. at the New Bielau Dance Hall, Officer Doug Shoppe of the Weimar Police Dept. and Officer Keith Biggs witnessed a suspect, William Powell, talking to someone in his car who handed him a container that appeared to be beer. William did not appear to be of legal drinking age and it was after hours. Biggs shined a flashlight on the suspect, who turned and saw Officer Biggs in his uniform. The suspect was ordered to stop but peeled out through the parking lot.

Officers pursued the gray Olds driven by the suspect north on FM

GCMC celebrates Heart Cath Lab opening

On Sunday, Nov. 24, more than 450 guests gathered at the Gulf Coast Medical Center to help celebrate the grand opening of the Heart Cath Lab in Wharton. Dr. Carlos D. Zorrilla, M.D., FACC, the facility's medical director, cut the ribbon and led the first tour across the threshold into the cardiac catheterization lab.

The dedication ceremony, which preceded the ribbon cutting and tours, featured an address by world renowned heart surgeon, Dr. Denton Cooley, who founded the Texas Heart Institute. According to Cooley, new technology daily improves the treatment of heart disease. "We are in a state of such rapid progress that we cannot begin to imagine what the future will hold, but there will be no future without diagnosis," he said.

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GCMC Heart Cath Lab was officially opened by Dr. Carlos Zorrilla, the facility's medical director, in a ribbon cutting ceremony Sunday, Nov. 24.