

BARGAIN USED CARS... Prices Slashed!

Model	Old Price	New Price
1992 Chevrolet 3/4 Ton H.D. Pickup, Wildflower Special	\$23,182 (MSRP)	\$17,695.00
1992 Cadillac de Ville Red; fine vehicle	\$33,366	\$21,995.00
1992 Geo Prizm Red; cassette	\$12,805	\$9,695.00
1992 Chevy Astro Extended Van Real clean and nice!	\$19,653	\$15,995.00
1992 Chevy Lumina Maroon; loaded	\$17,014	\$11,495.00
1992 Oldsmobile 88 Royale Black sapphire; 17,621 miles!	\$20,776	\$15,995.00
1991 Olds Cutlass Ciera	\$11,500	\$9,495.00

USED CARS... Prices Slashed!

Model	Old Price	New Price
1991 Cadillac Seville Prestigious car; 26,000 miles!	\$21,450	\$18,993.00
1991 Chevy Cavalier RS 2 Door; Steek car!	\$6,400	\$6,295.00
1991 GMC Jimmy 4x4 Blazer Loaded, real slick!	\$13,050	\$11,995.00
1989 1/2-Ton Chevy Sport Pickup Real, real clean!		\$9,800.00
1989 Chevrolet Beretta v-6, automatic, low miles!		\$6,495.00
1985 Plymouth Colt E Good economy. We finance!		\$2,995.00
1983 Olds Delta 88 Royale Fine car. We finance!		\$3,495.00

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I-TEN Development seeks bids

The I-TEN Central Economic Development Council, the super-regional economic stimulus group in south central Texas, has a fast growing program and is wanting bids on three items related to its activities.

The council plans to purchase a FAX machine, contract for a monthly newsletter and contract for construction and installation of an information center in Schulenburg.

The council formed two years ago and includes cities, chambers of commerce, utility companies, industrial groups, private citizens as well as banks, government entities and private business.

The members meet monthly to make policy and other decisions related to development of the area.

Their next meeting will be Wednesday, May 19, at 9:30 a.m. in the La Grange City Hall. Visitors are welcome to attend the meetings.

For information about the items for bid, contact Kurt Johnson, Communications Committee, P.O. Box 490, La Grange, Texas 78945 or call 409-968-3181.

Riddle returns from fleet exercise

Navy Petty Officer Second Class Kurt A. Riddle, son of Letha E. Hickey of Eagle Lake, recently returned aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Arleigh Burke, homeported in Norfolk, Va., from Fleet Exercise 2-93 as part of the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt Battle Group.

The purpose of the exercise was to test the ability of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps, supported by U.S. Air Force and Canadian units, to conduct integrated operations from the sea. The exercise also served as a dress rehearsal for the battle group's upcoming deployment to the Mediterranean, and stressed command and control, anti-submarine warfare, and amphibious warfare and strike support.

A unique feature of the exercise was the 600 Marines embarked aboard the Roosevelt forming a Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force. These Marines are capable of performing civilian evacuations, aircraft and personnel recovery, and maritime interdiction operations. The Special MAGTF will deploy with the Roosevelt and a tailored Carrier Air Wing, marking the first time a configuration of this type has been forward deployed.

Riddle joined the Navy in Oct. 1989.



A present for the library
 Silvia Brune, left, presents a VCR camera to Mrs. Rodgers, Eagle Lake Primary School librarian. The PTO purchased the camera for the school in March. *ELPS Photo*

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obsolete jail. We are looking at alternatives, but we need to find a long term solution."

"We have another jail inspection scheduled for May 27 and the Commission has the authority to shut us down at that time if they feel we are not meeting their qualifications" said Esterling.

"If our jail got shut down, not only would we have to continue to give our tax money to another county, but we would have to cut jobs here too."

"A new facility would bring work into our county through construction, which could take three years, and through the need for more jail workers."

"Just think of how much time and money we could have already put into a new project, rather than simply paying rent to another county and giving them our tax dollars," said Esterling.

"This is no longer a problem we can ignore."

The court entered an interlocutory agreement with Fayette County Monday morning to continue housing prisoners in that facility as needed. The agreement stated Colorado County would pay \$35 per day per prisoner, including the daily the inmate arrives and leaves. It also detailed the handling of any possible law suits that could arise.

In other business, the court: Appointed Berna Sheperd, the Rev. Gene Thomas, Robert Neath, Ed Woodward, Jerry Mikeska and Precinct 3 Commissioner Jerome Wickes as board members for the Alleyton

Colorado County jail count sets new record

The Sheriff's Department reported the Colorado County jail set a new record for the number of inmates over the May 1st weekend.

At 6 p.m. Saturday evening, May 1, there were 32 inmates. As of 8 a.m. Sunday, May 2, there were 62 persons in custody (counting the eight taken to Fayette County).

The following cases were reported by the Sheriff's Department: May 1 at about 1:20 a.m., Deputy Leonard Peters met with Chris Davis on County Road 202 in reference to a missing stereo. Davis showed the officer that both speakers to the stereo were still in their original locations but the receiver had been taken. Nothing else was missing. Davis had left around 10:30 p.m. and returned after 1 a.m. The door had been left unlocked. It was suggested that a member of the family might have borrowed it.

Deputy D.C. Peikert was dispatched to Texas Marble on Hwy. 71 N at 10:55 a.m. May 2 in reference to a burglary. He met with Henry Lamberth who showed where the south warehouse door padlock had been pried off. A wood door inside to the offices had also been pried open. A money bag was missing from a desk drawer. It had contained about \$20. A coin machine key normally kept in the bag was loose in the desk drawer and the vending machine coin box was empty. Nothing else appeared to be missing. The case is under investigation.

Rice trustees adjusts grade point average, swear in reelected members

By Lynda Appelt Contributing Writer

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District board of trustees revised its local policy regarding the grade point average used to determine honor students during Monday night's regular monthly meeting.

The policy was revised to clear up a discrepancy between the board policy manual and the student handbook. The 2.5 grade point average listed in the student handbook was cited as 2.7 in the board manual.

The board agreed to a grade point average of 2.5 in both brochures.

Superintendent Carolyn McGaughey told the board plans are being made to convert the district from a 3- to a 4-point grading system.

Jim Wiese and Fritz Leopold, reelected board members, were given the oath of office. Wiese was then reelected as board president. Other officers include Kate Labay, vice president; and Melody Grigar, secretary.

The board accepted the resignation of Eagle Lake Primary School third grade teacher Rebecca Heger and Sheridan Elementary School fifth and sixth grade teacher Alexandra Schoenemann.

A total of 45 requests for student transfers for the 1993-94 school year were approved. This total includes four transfer students to Eagle Lake Primary School, six to Garwood Elementary School, 19 to Sheridan Elementary School, two to Eagle Lake Middle School and 14 to Rice High School.

The purchase of stage curtains for Eagle Lake Primary School and Sheridan Elementary School was approved. Bill Draperies of Eastland was awarded the bid at a cost of \$10,415.

In other business, the board: Approved budget amendments as recommended by Assistant Superintendent Fred Grahmann; Authorized bids for athletic supplies for the 1993-94 school year; Appointed Wiese as delegate to the TASATASB 1993 convention and Labay as the alternate; Authorized the bid for the school depository contract; Authorized a shared transportation contract with St. Mary's School in Nada for the third year; and Made plans to visit the alternative center and day care center in the Huntsville Independent School District on Wednesday, May 19.

The board entered into a closed session to receive information from the superintendent and discuss personnel. No statements were issued upon its reentering into an open meeting.

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TxDOT meeting on highways

The Texas Dept. of Transportation invites the public to comment on highways nominated for the National Highway System at a meeting Thursday, May 20, in the LBJ Library in Austin at 9 a.m. HH-10 in Colorado County is on the list. You may submit comments to TxDOT, P.O. Box 757, Yoakum, TX 77995 by June 3.

TPWD field day is today

LCRA and Parks and Wildlife Dept. will have a field day on wildlife resources in the Post Oak Savannah for landowners, farmers, ranchers and land managers Thursday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the LCRA Cooper Farm Resource Area, 12 miles north of La Grange off CR 112, Waldeck Road. The program is free and a catered lunch is available for \$6. For information call 512-756-0022 or 409-249-3974.

Farmers Market opens

Fresh vegetables, fruit and handicrafts will be available at the Colorado County Farmers Market each Wednesday from 3 p.m. to dusk and Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon, throughout the growing season. The market will be located at the corner of Hwys. 71 and 90 in Columbus. To join the market contact Rick Jahn at the county extension office, 316 Spring, Columbus.

Reception for Major Benge is Friday

The Rice CISD Board of Trustees and the administration invite the patrons, friends and community to attend a reception honoring H.M. Major Benge upon his retirement. The reception will be held Friday, May 21, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Primary School cafeteria.

Volunteer training set

The Colorado County Youth and Family Services will hold a volunteer training session May 21-22, Friday, 5:30-9 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. If you're interested, call Theresa Weishuhn at 409-732-8721 or 1-800-256-7321.

New police cars, new color scheme

By Lynda Appelt Contributing Writer

Police Chief Lupe Villarreal, the two recently-purchased vehicles will replace the two Dodge Diplomats presently being used.

The change in the vehicles' color scheme came after citizens voiced their complaints that the current gray cars do not have enough visibility.

Mayor Don Bandy administered the oath of office to newly-elected council members Mike Duarte, René Cooper-Scott and Joe Frazier. Duarte begins his 15th year of service.

Bandy also presented certificates of appreciation to outgoing councilmen Melvin Stienck and Melvin Gordon and personally thanked each on behalf of the City of Eagle Lake for their faithfulness, dedication, concern for the City and preparedness prior to

meetings.

Stienck served from 1991-93 and did not seek re-election in order to devote more time to his recently-purchased business, The Furniture Shoppe.

Gordon had served one year after being appointed by Council to fill an unexpired term, but did not win re-election bid.

The final resolution in the renaming of a portion of Center Street from Cat Spring Road to Clark Street to Tate Avenue in honor of Ed Tate, who is the only remaining original resident along this portion of the street, was adopted.

Central Power & Light Co. will now be able to offer discounts to certain business customers as an incentive to locate or expand within the city limits as a result of the adoption of the final reading of that ordinance granting the discount.

An agreement with the Texas Municipal League Group Benefits Risk Pool authorizing the TML to administer COBRA on behalf of the city was approved.

The federal COBRA statute requires employers with 20 or more employees to offer continuation of benefits to qualified employees and dependents after the termination of employment if the employee was covered by the city's health insurance program at the time of termination.

However, the qualified employee and/or dependent must pay the premium.

In other business, the council was notified that Domingo Soia had resigned from the sanitation department and granted a request from Lake Motors Inc. to hold a 5K run on city streets in observance of its 40 years of operation in Eagle Lake.

City's May sales tax check virtually same as last year's

State Comptroller John Sharp sent a total of \$172.6 million in May sales tax rebates to 1,071 Texas cities and 108 counties, a 14.4% increase over their payments of one year ago.

The City of Eagle Lake received its check in the amount of \$11,776.54, up 1.5% from the \$11,602.11 received in May 1992. This check brings the total sales tax rebates for 1993 to \$60,218.05, up 13.44% over the amount rebated last calendar year at this time.

Texas cities received \$156.8 million, up 14.7% from the \$136.6 million they received last May. Counties received a total of \$15.8 million for their May rebates, a 12% increase over the May 1992 rebates of \$14.1 million.

"Texas has been exhibiting signs of slow, steady economic growth

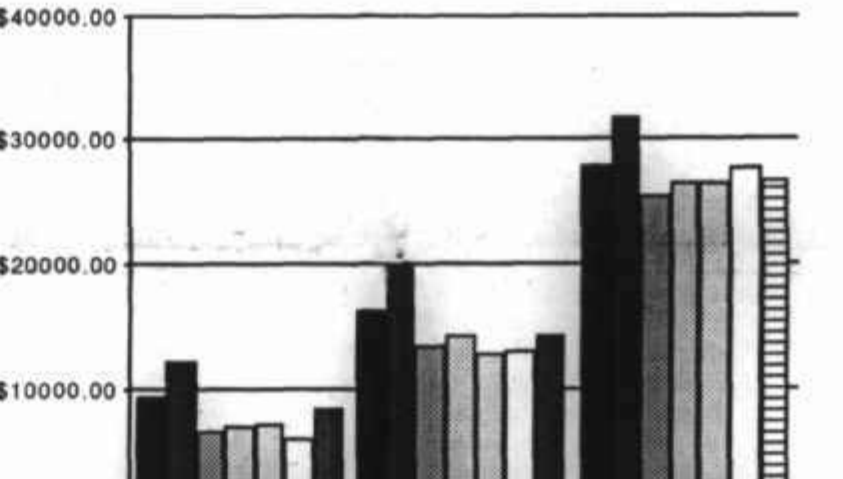
since March 1992. El Paso, Ft. Worth and San Antonio lead in employment growth among Texas' major cities," Sharp said.

The City of Houston received a payment of \$23.3 million, the largest rebate for May, and a 7.9% increase from its \$21.6 million in May 1992. The service, finance, insurance and real estate industries in Houston increase by a total of 10,000 jobs over the past year.

"Houston is also beginning to show a promising outlook. All of the City's industries gained jobs in the past year," Sharp stated.

The \$15.4 million payment to the City of Dallas for May was the second largest, up 16.8% from the \$13.2 million for the same period last year. Total employment for the area increased by 32,800 jobs since March 1992.

"In the past year, Dallas has continued to show steady economic



Rock Island to have homecoming

The annual Homecoming and Memorial Day service of the Myrtle Cemetery Association will be held at the former Rock Island School gym Sunday, May 30. A beef and sausage barbecue dinner will be served at noon for \$6 a plate for adults and \$3.50 for children. The memorial will begin at 1 p.m.

Prairies symposium scheduled

A symposium on Gulf Coast Prairies biology, sponsored by the Gulf Coastal Prairies Foundation, will be held May 21-22 at the Holiday Inn, Houston West. It will include a tour of the Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge near Eagle Lake. For information, contact George Levandoski at 409-234-3021 or 713-895-0700. There is no charge for the symposium.

Barbecue and golf to raise funds

The Eagle Lake Recreation Center's first Shootout Fundraiser Barbecue and Golf Tournament is set for Memorial Day, May 31. The barbecued chicken dinner will be \$5 a plate, served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Curb service is available at the center. To sign up for the three person golf scramble contact Tee-Up Pro Shop, 234-5981, Ronny Cook at 234-5060 or Penny Henske at 234-5141.

Buy a brick

One last time, the Colorado County Historical Committee will sell engraved bricks for the Great Walk at the county courthouse in Columbus. Proceeds from the sale will be used to renovate the district courtroom. To purchase a brick for your family, church, club or class, pick up an order blank at the county judge's office, Simmons Lumber, First National Bank of Eagle Lake, Weimar Museum or Heishohn's in Prelsburg.

Prememorial service set

The Eagle Lake Cemetery Organization will sponsor a prememorial service May 29 at 7:30 p.m. at White Cloud Baptist Church. Rev. O. Rhodes is host pastor for the service. Theme for the service is Prayer Changes Things. Guests from Galveston, Texas City and Houston along with local talent will present a spiritual program. A fund raising event in conjunction with the program will be "The Millionaire and the Millionaire's Daughter". Funds will be used for beautification of the North and East cemeteries.

Three arrested this week

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls during the past week:

Officer Jeff Argo was dispatched to El Zarape Bar on May 12 at 8:15 p.m. in connection with a threat. Statements were taken from the complainant and suspect. Charges are to be filed for terroristic threat.

May 13, at 5:20 p.m. Officer Argo met with a complainant at the police station who reported a pallet of glass had taken from behind his truck sometime the previous night. The truck was parked on E. Main St. The case is under investigation.

Officer Argo was dispatched to a residence on E. State St. where a home had been entered unlawfully and a window broken out. The case is under investigation. (See Police report, Page 10)

Lake Motors to celebrate 40th this Saturday

Lake Motors, Inc. marks its 40th anniversary this week. It was incorporated as a corporation of the State of Texas in 1953. It is under the ownership of Joe S. Reed Jr.

Lake Motors is one of Eagle Lake's largest employers, selling Chevrolets, Geos, Oldsmobiles and Cadillacs as well as used cars. The company has a complete service facility.

To commemorate its 40 years of business, Lake Motors is hosting a public celebration Saturday, May 22, at the business location, 323 South McCarty.

Joe Reed became a partner with

Blue Plate Cafe joins Chamber

Rene Alabdidi, owner of the Blue Plate Cafe on E. Main in Eagle Lake, cuts the ribbon in front of his restaurant assisted by Chamber President Pat Mascheck, Mayor Don Bandy, Chamber director T.J. Smith, City Manager Ron Holland, John Canaris and Becky Anderson helped to welcome this new business to the community and the Chamber of Commerce.

Headlight Photo by Susie Jackson

Officially under new owner

Last Saturday, May 15, marked the grand opening of The Furniture Shoppe under the ownership of Melvin and Joyce Stienck. To commemorate the occasion, Chamber of Commerce President Pat Mascheck once again pulled out the ribbon cutting scissors and went to work.

Gathering with the Stiencks were, from left, Eagle Lake City Manager Ron Holland, Chamber Secretary Linda Lippardt, their daughter-in-law, Christi Stienck, Beth Lippardt, Darlene Stienck, Kenneth Reese, Joyce and Melvin with Carolyn Baird peeking over Melvin's shoulder. Next was Louie Matthews, Mascheck, Bandy, Mike Romo, Doris Thomas, Mayor Don Bandy, Eva and Glen Locklear and T.J. Smith.

In conjunction, an open house and drawing were held. Winner of the vacuum cleaner which was given away by the Stiencks was Ronnie Jandrick of Eagle Lake.

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