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Model	Year	Price	Notes
1993 Cadillac Sedan de Ville	White; clean vehicle	\$31,600	\$25,495.00
1992 Geo Prizm	Real clean!	\$12,650	\$8,995.00
1992 Chevy Astro Extended Van	Real clean and nice!	\$19,653	\$14,995.00
1992 Oldsmobile 88 Royale	Black sapphire; 17,621 miles	\$20,776	\$15,295.00

USED CARS...

Model	Year	Price	Notes
1991 Chevy 1/2-Ton Pickup	Regular cab; white; clean!	\$10,995	\$10,995.00
1991 Olds Bravada	White; low miles; leather seats!	\$15,995	\$15,995.00
1991 Chevy S-10 Blazer	4-Wheel drive!	\$14,500	\$14,500.00
1991 Chevy Cavalier RS	2 Door; Steel car!	\$5,995	\$5,295.00
1991 Cadillac Sedan De Ville	Super clean!	\$14,495	\$14,495.00
1991 Dodge Dynasty LE 4-Door	Extra clean!	\$9,795	\$9,795.00
1989 Ford XLT Lariat Pickup	Loaded!	\$8,695	\$8,695.00
1989 Dodge Ram 150 LE Pickup	Real clean; low miles.	\$8,695	\$8,695.00
1987 Chevy Caprice Classic 4-Door	Clean car. We finance!	\$4,400	\$4,400.00
1987 Isuzu Trooper II 4x4	Cassette; 5-speed	\$4,495	\$4,495.00
1986 Oldsmobile Wagon	Fine shape. We finance!	\$3,995	\$3,995.00
1985 Plymouth Colt E	Good economy. We finance!	\$2,995	\$2,995.00
1978 Chrysler Newport	As is. We finance!	\$995	\$995.00

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Sheriff's Deputy helps start Neighborhood Watch Program

Colorado County Sheriff's Department reported the following calls during the past week.

Monday, July 12, Deputy Craig Peikert assisted in organizing a Neighborhood Watch in the area of Weishon, Oil Patch and Zimmersheim Roads.

At 8:23 p.m. Reserve Deputy Stavinocha, Deputy Thaine Busby and Sgt. Bill Lattimore arrested a person for indecent exposure. The suspect was reportedly exposed on IH-10 westbound from the 725 mile marker to Columbus Oaks Apts. in Alleyton.

Tuesday, July 13, at 9:45 a.m. Deputy Peikert investigated an assault, terroristic threat and criminal mischief report at Dintner Trailer Park in Weimar. The case is open pending action by the complainant.

At noon, Deputy Peikert investigated an assault at Sealy Rd. and the county line.

At 1:15 p.m. Sgt. Lattimore investigated a report of a stray cow on the south feeder road 4/10 mile east of the County Road 210 overpass.

Sgt. Lattimore and the Columbus Volunteer Fire Dept. were called to an uncontrolled burn at 5:13 p.m. on County Road 218 about 2/10 mile north of Hwy. 90.

At 8 p.m. Sgt. Lattimore handled a report of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. The case remains open pending action by the complainant.

At 10:45 p.m. Deputy Busby investigated a burglary of a habitation on FM 106 in Rock Island.

At 11 p.m. Deputies Busby and Richard LaCourse arrested a suspect for possession of drug paraphernalia, disorderly conduct and terroristic threat at the Gemini Club on Canal St. in Garwood.

Wednesday, July 14, Sgt. Lattimore, Deputy Troy Neisner and Lt. R.H. Wied were called to Rock Island in reference to a welfare concern. The subject was located in good health.

At 6:17 p.m. Sgt. Lattimore investigated an incident at Texaco Road east of FM 155.

On Thursday, July 15, at 10:45 p.m. Deputy Jim Parcell investigated a report of harassment at County Road 109 one mile north of Smith-Rau Road. The case is pending action by the complainant.

Friday, July 16, at 5:35 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore investigated a report of theft at Cat Springs Road about five miles south of Eagle Lake.

At 11:48 p.m. Deputy Peikert arrested a suspect for driving while intoxicated and evading arrest, class A.

Saturday, July 17, at 2:27 a.m. Deputy Parcell investigated an assault at Washington St. in Oakland. The case is pending action by the complainant.

At 3:12 a.m. Deputy Parcell responded to a report involving threats at 2010 Old Hwy. 90 Apts. in Alleyton. The case is under investigation.

At 4:09 p.m. Deputy LaCourse investigated a report of a deceased person at the IH-10 rest area at the 692 mile marker.

Deputy Peikert investigated an incident of repossession in Weimar at 8:45 p.m.

Sunday, July 18, at 5:43 p.m. Deputies Peikert and Neisner investigated a report of family violence at the Meyer Store in Rock Island.

Monday, July 19, at 1:04 a.m. Deputy Peikert investigated a burglary of a habitation on Center St. in Alleyton.

Council approved a letter of intent to file an application with the Texas Department of Transportation for an airport expansion program. The City presently has a grant to acquire three parcels of land adjacent to the airport and air easements to join three other parcels. The grant application is the next step in the project and will provide 95% of the construction funds. The cost to the City will be \$40,000 with a total cost of the improvements estimated at \$795,700.

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Flood relief

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"The Salvation Army has already incurred expenses with its mobile kitchen patrols in the flooded area and anticipates it will have many more expenses as the water recedes and people return to dig out their homes."

Cash donations for the flood relief effort should be designated "Disaster Relief" and sent to the Eagle Lake address or to P.O. Box 2608, Dallas, TX 75221. Checks should be made to the Salvation Army. To request more information call 214-688-4494 or 214-353-2714 ext. 243.

Gunn in Korea

PV2 Matthew L. Gunn, son of Glen and Ada Wren of Tokyo, Japan, has graduated from the Military Police Corps training at Fort McClellan, Ala., on July 8. He has been assigned as a military policeman in Korea. Gunn is the grandson of Robert and Laura Finney of Eagle Lake.

TAAS results

Mathematical Representation	40	52	35	37	49	55
Evaluation of Reasonableness	N/A	N/A	46	46	68	66
Total Mathematics	44	59	32	39	44	55
Avg. Scale Score	1462	1549	1417	1474	1486	1533
Number mastering all objectives	11		4		5	

McGaughy also presented to the board a report showing student performance on the TAAS by years for the same students. The results show the number of students who passed the minimum expectation and the number who mastered all objectives on the test.

PERFORMANCE BY YEAR/SAME STUDENTS

Oct. 1992 Grade 3		May 1993 Grade 4	
Minimum Expectation	Mastered All Objectives	Minimum Expectation	Mastered All Objectives
Writing (103)	31	65	14
Reading (101)	65	28	12
Math (103)	76	44	11
All Tests	30	26	4
Grade 7		Grade 8	
Writing (84)	63	29	
Reading (80)	51	68	28
Math (81)	45	32	53
All Tests	5	29	5
Grade 9		Grade 10	
Writing (70)	59	83	26
Reading (68)	56	66	19
Math (68)	41	44	7
All Tests	31	40	3

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Council

Councilman Mike Duarte told the truckers present, "When we get through with this study, we're probably not going to exempt all you want, but it is something we all have to live with and we've got to do what is best for all the citizens."

City Manager Ron Holland was instructed to draw up one or two sample ordinances for the next meeting so Council can begin "picking it apart," according to Bundy.

The Eagle Lake Police Department was commended for a job well done on its new high visibility cars. Councilmen agreed the cars present a more professional appearance.

John Dawson was appointed as a reserve police officer, giving the department a total of three.

Dawson, 29, is a 1982 graduate of Rice High School and employed by the Texas Department of Corrections in Sugar Land.

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ROYAL CLEANERS Will Be Closed for Vacation August 2-6

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Community invited to discuss future of Wildflower Celebration

The Eagle Lake community is invited Monday, Aug. 2, for a discussion about the future of the annual Wildflower Celebration. A meeting has been called by the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce and Wildflower Celebration Committee at 6 p.m. at the Sportsman's Restaurant. Many changes have occurred since the April '93 Wildflower Celebration noted Chamber spokesman Becky Anderson. "Because of these changes, if we are (See Wildflower, Page 10)

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Producers face crop disaster deadline

Producers who were prevented from planting crops or who have failed acreage in 1993 may want to file a disaster application now. The Colorado County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) reminds producers that the deadline for applications is Aug. 2.

The disaster applications for the 1993 crops are only for a complete loss for the crop on the farm. If any of the crop is growing, the disaster claim cannot be completed until after harvest.

Police chief resigns

City Manager Ron Holland announced the immediate resignation of Eagle Lake Police Chief Lupe Villarreal following a two-hour executive session during Tuesday night's meeting of City Council.

Villarreal will be off duty immediately. His official letter of resignation will be forthcoming.

After talking with Villarreal for approximately half of the two-hour session, Council returned to open session and approved a motion to accept Villarreal's resignation and begin immediate advertisement for a new chief. They also approved two weeks' severance pay for him. No mention was made of any acting chief being named.

Villarreal joined the Eagle Lake Police Department in Aug. 1979, coming from the Colorado County Sheriff's Department. He was appointed acting chief when then Chief of Police Ben Johnson resigned March 2, 1989. Villarreal was officially hired as chief on May 18 that year.

In all Villarreal had been employed by the Eagle Lake Police Department for almost 14 years.



County approves family medical leave

Special to The Headlight By Rhonda Lattimore Banner Press Staff

The Colorado County Commissioners' Court approved an amendment to the policy manual Monday morning. The policy will include the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA) established by President Bill Clinton's administration.

The act requires employers with 50 or more employees to provide up to 12 work weeks of unpaid leave if the employee meets certain eligibility.

The policy states an employee must "work for the county for at least 12 months with at least 1,250 hours during the year preceding the start of the leave" to be eligible for the time off.

If eligible, an employee is entitled to take a total of 12 work weeks of FMLA leave during a 12-month period. The 12-month period will be considered to begin the day the FMLA leave begins. The leave will be unpaid, but must include any unused sick leave or vacation time which would be paid.

Employees may take a FMLA leave upon the birth of a child or the adoption of a child. Time off may also be taken to care for a sick family member or if the employee has a serious health condition which is "one which requires inpatient care or continuing treatment by a health care provider."

If the need for FMLA leave is "foreseeable," the employee must provide the county at least 30 days notice prior to the start of the absence.

The county will continue to pay medical and life insurance premiums during the leave and the employee will not lose any benefits he/she has accrued as a county employee provided he/she returns to work. The employee will be allowed to return to the same or equivalent position with equivalent benefits, pay and other terms and conditions of employment.

According to the policy, if the employee does not return to work, all "health premiums paid by the county during the FMLA leave will become a debt owed by the non-returning employee to the county."

In other business, the court: Approved allowing the Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace clerk to work on a full-time basis through the month of Aug. in order to catch up on a backlog of work. The clerk will return to part-time hours at the end of the month; Adopted a resolution of appreciation honoring Jack Johnson for his service to the county as a board member for the Lower Colorado River Authority since 1987. George Cason has been appointed by Governor Ann Richards as his replacement; Appointed Judge H.O. "Butch" Strunk as the Court's representative to the Texas Association of Counties meeting on Aug. 19;

Gave official minute notice of an order approving appraisal records and the 1993 appraisal roll certification of

the loss of \$4,429,528 in valuation for the county; and, Approved accepting a \$2,924.80 check from Ensearch Exploration Inc. to cover the repair costs associated with road damages brought about by heavy loads on County Road 190 in Precinct 4.

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EL Police handle wide variety of calls

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

On Wednesday, July 21, Officer Eric Hart, making a traffic stop, discovered the driver was wanted on outstanding warrants from Colorado and Austin Counties.

Sandra Faye Smith of Eagle Lake was placed under arrest and transported to the Colorado County Jail for confinement.

At 10:15 p.m., Sgt. Clem Johnson observed a subject running behind Dan's Minute Stop, carrying a large brown bag under his arm. Johnson, suspecting a theft in progress, stopped and identified the subject. Jonathan Ruvakaba, being under age to buy beer, was issued a citation for minor in possession of alcohol.

After talking with the clerk at Dan's and determining who had bought the beer for the minor, Johnson located Ruben A. Molano and issued him a citation for purchasing the beer for a minor.

Thursday, July 22, Sgt. Johnson received a report that a bike was stolen from Seahorn St. some time between July 15 at 8 p.m. and July 16 at 8 a.m. The case is under investigation.

Police received a report of a panhandler at Austin's Grocery, July 23. Chief Lupe Villarreal located the subject and instructed her to stay off of the property or charges would be filed against her.

Saturday, July 24, at 1:30 p.m., Officer Jeff Argo was dispatched to a two vehicle accident at the intersection of Boothe Drive and Lake Avenue. A 1993 Chevrolet, driven by Danielle Eldridge of Houston, was traveling east on Boothe. A 1977 Ford, driven by Robert Louis Fizer, was traveling south on Lake Avenue. Fizer failed to yield the right of way to

the Eldridge vehicle which struck Fizer's car. Fizer apparently suffered some minor injuries.

Sunday, July 25, at 2:30 a.m., Officer Jay Reeves while on patrol, observed a vehicle make a wide turn and run into the ditch on Beaks St. Reeves attempted to stop the vehicle but is pulled out of the ditch. He was able to stop the vehicle at Beaks and Main St.

The driver, David Camarillo of Eagle Lake, appeared highly intoxicated and failed several field sobriety tests. He was arrested and transported to county jail for confinement.

Also Sunday, Officer Hart was dispatched to Mills St. concerning a family disturbance. The matter was resolved.

Monday, July 26, Chief Villarreal was advised of some children who were on the golf course and would not leave. The chief located the juveniles and advised them not to return or they would be charged with trespassing.

Columbus hosts hearing

A public hearing has been scheduled for the Colorado County Court-house in Columbus Aug. 3 on amendments to wildlife programs.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will be redefining portions of the wildlife management programs to provide landowners additional flexibility in managing deer populations through the deer herd control permit program.

The Wildlife Commission made the recommendation at its July 7 regulatory committee meeting.

A series of public hearings have been set for early August at eight sites to address the proposed amendments to management plans for antlerless deer control and permits.

(See Hearing, Page 10)

Rice trustees hire two new coaches

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District board of trustees approved the employment of two new coaches during a special meeting Monday night.

Jody Jordan was hired to fill a position at Rice High School where he will also teach history.

Jane Laws will be employed at Eagle Lake Middle School as a physical education teacher and coach.

In another personnel matter, Rebecca Roberts, teacher at Eagle Lake Primary School, offered her resignation.

The board also approved some temporary repairs at Eagle Lake Primary School.



New officers chosen for ELCH Employee Trust Fund

The officers for the Employee Trust Fund of Eagle Lake Community Hospital have been chosen for 1993-94. Shown from the left are Roxanne Walker, treasurer; Annie Dancy, vice president; Mary Kay Cook, secretary; and Mary Ann Owens, president.

The group already have plans to sponsor a volleyball tournament Aug. 21 and a prize drawing. Entry forms for the volleyball tournament are available at the hospital. The group is looking forward to helping the hospital in the coming year.

ELCH Photo

Boys athletic physicals today

Physical exams for all boys who will be in athletics in the Rice School District are scheduled for today, July 29. The physicals will be given at Eagle Lake Community Hospital at 5 p.m. Contact Coach Mark Johnson for any questions at 234-3543.

Booster Club party postponed

The Rice Raider Booster Club has postponed the picnic planned for Sunday, Aug. 1. The picnic and meeting are to be held Sunday, Aug. 15, at 4 p.m. at Rice High School.

Raider band practice begins Monday

Freshman members of the Rice High School Raider Band will begin rehearsals for the fall 1993 school year on Monday, Aug. 2. Each rehearsal will be from 5 to 8 p.m. The entire band begins rehearsals on Wednesday, Aug. 4, from 5 to 8 p.m. They will practice Monday through Friday until the opening of school on Aug. 18. (For more details, see article in this issue.)

Softball league to begin

The Eagle Lake Softball League is to begin Aug. 5. There will be a meeting July 29 at 7 p.m. at the Little League Park for all of those interested in fielding a team or participating in the league. Contact Wayne at Johnny's Sport Shop, 234-3516, for any additional information.

Cheerleader mini-camp set

A cheerleading mini-camp is planned Aug. 2-5 by the Rice High cheerleaders. The camp is for ages three through 15 and the fee is \$15 per child or \$25 for two family members. The camp will be from 9:30 a.m. to 12 at Rice High School. The cheerleaders will teach cheers, chants and a dance routine to be performed at a varsity game during the fall season. For more information call Tracy Theut at 409-732-5507.

Fort Bend Singles set dance

A dance is planned for Friday, July 30, at 8 p.m. in the Needville KC Hall. Music will be provided for dancing by Ray Kneek and the Texas Sounds. The public is invited to the dance sponsored by the Fort Bend Singles. For information call 409-793-6176 or 713-232-4782.

Sr Citizen dance planned

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a senior citizens dance Friday, Aug. 6, at the Eagle Lake KC Hall. The music will be by The Country Playboys with dancing from 8 to 11 p.m. Singles and couples are welcome and the cover charge is \$4 a person.

Raidette practice called

A required practice for the Rice Raidettes is called for Aug. 9 and 12 at Rice High School. They will meet from 5 to 7 p.m. both nights. For any questions call Tracy Theut at 409-732-5507.

Wharton has horse show

The Wharton Quarter Horse Association will have its annual Open Horse Show on Saturday, Aug. 7, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Wharton County Fairgrounds. There will be three age groups and awards for both pleasure and speed events. Contact Melissa Locke at 409-532-0250 for more information.

Christian Mothers set bake sale

A bake sale is planned by The Christian Mothers Society of both Our Lady of Guadalupe and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Churches. The sale Aug. 7 will be held in front of Wilcox Ministries beginning at 8:30 a.m. Proceeds will be used to help buy school supplies for needy children and for future events.

Back To School Special FOCUS OPTICAL
Located in Randall's Center, Rosenberg
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Europa Trunk Show
Saturday, Aug. 7; 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
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\$30 Off Complete Glasses
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Contact Lens Examination \$99 Complete
Free Pair of Sunglasses with Ultraviolet Protection with All Contact Lens Packages
(Contact lens examination includes: one pair of clear, soft spherical daily wear contact lenses)
Offer good only with this coupon at Focus Optical, Rosenberg.

Children's Eye Examination \$29
Offer good only with this coupon at Focus Optical, Rosenberg.

Dr. Ronni Kruger, Optometrist
Medicare/Medicaid Welcome

1992-93 Area School Districts Budget Comparisons					
District	Fall 1992 Enrollment	Taxable Market Value per pupil	1992 Tax Rate	True* Tax Rate	Total Operating Expense per pupil
Rice CISD	1,547	\$183,350	\$1.368	\$1.395	\$2,403
Columbus ISD	1,630	171,673	1.187	1.183	\$2,252.29
Weimar ISD	580	180,350	1.388	1.386	\$2,425
East Bernard ISD	822	156,447	1.260	1.239	\$2,800
El Campo ISD	3,607	176,236	1.100	1.107	\$3,055
Wharton ISD	2,966	144,713	1.300	1.083	\$2,700
Region 3 Average		235,598	1.157	1.161	\$2,599
Statewide Average		175,815	1.405	1.385	\$2,254

*The term "true tax rate" is used to distinguish it from "effective tax rate," which is used in the "truth in taxation" law as an equivalent rate based on appraised value, not market value.

The statistics used in the above chart were taken from the July 1993 issue of *Benches Marks, 1992-93 School District Budgets in Texas*, produced by the Texas Research League of Austin. The publication compares the budgets of 1,042 school districts in Texas and how each district gathers and spends its monies.

(See related editorial, Page 2)