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1992 Chevy Lumina Sedan Sk. #1647U; GM Program Car; 18,000 miles	10,495 ⁰⁰	238.54 ¹
1992 Geo Prizm Sk. #1658U; GM Program Car; 18,500 miles	8,495 ⁰⁰	188.29 ¹
1991 Chevy Cavalier RS Sk. #1620U; 29,832 miles	6,995 ⁰⁰	176.96 ²
1990 Geo Prizm Sk. #1712U; 48,739 miles; clean used car	5,995 ⁰⁰	149.06 ²
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1985 Plymouth Colt E Sk. #1662U; 125,000 miles; WE FINANCE!	1,995 ⁰⁰	44.61 ⁶

USED TRUCKS	Our Price	Your Payment
1993 Chevy C1500 Sk. #645U; Dealer demo; 9,000 miles	11,864 ⁰⁰	272.93 ¹
1991 Chevy C1500 Sk. #1674U; Dealer demo; 24,000 miles	10,495 ⁰⁰	280.27 ²
1990 Chevy 3/4-Ton HD Silverado Pickup Sk. #1720U; All power	9,996 ⁰⁰	265.54 ²
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Police

The Eagle Lake Police Department is investigating several cases of criminal mischief which occurred during the past two days. These incidents include tampering with Christmas lights and mail boxes and throwing rocks at residences.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Electric rates lower than U.S. average	Electric utility rates for most Texas residential customers were lower than the rest of the country.	Residential rate per 500 kilowatt hour
Investor-owned, average	El Paso Electric	\$24
Cooperatives, average	Denton County	\$23
Municipalities, average	Kerrville	\$22
Texas average		\$21
Rates in other U.S. cities:		
New York (Con Ed)		\$50
Boston (Boston Ed)		\$59
Oklahoma City (OK G&E)		\$45
New Orleans (LA P&L)		\$40
Denver (PSC)		\$38
U.S. average		\$45

Echándole el ojo a Texas

La electricidad cuesta menos en Texas que en la nación	Costos de electricidad	Precio residencial por 500 hora de kilowatt
Plantas públicas de electricidad, promedio	Houston Lighting & Power	\$24
Cooperativas, promedio	Denton County	\$23
Municipalidades, promedio	Kerrville	\$22
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Crop and livestock surveys sent out

Early in Nov., the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service began contacting farm and ranch operators on the Fall 1993 Crop and Livestock Surveys.

Early survey results will be used to estimate the final acreage and production for crops grown in 1993. Later surveys will be used to determine Jan. 1 livestock inventory numbers.

Approximately 52,000 farmers and ranchers have been selected to represent Texas agriculture. Reported information will not only represent the selected producer, but other farmers and ranchers who have similar operations. Individual reports will be expanded and summarized to provide state and county estimates.

"To obtain an accurate picture of Texas agriculture we depend on voluntary cooperation of farmers and ranchers and we hope each operator contacted will participate in these important year end surveys. All information received is strictly confidential and protected by law from any disclosure," said State Statistician Dennis Findley.

Survey results will be published in Texas Agricultural Facts, available to all survey respondents. Anyone may receive the 1993 Texas Agricultural Facts Annual Summary by calling 1-800-626-3142.

IRS warns nonfilers

Almost 3,000 central and south Texans were sent letters from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) last month warning them that they had not filed their income tax returns.

The agency said it has now run out and those who did not file before Nov. 9 are now facing IRS enforcement programs. Anyone with questions on filing delinquent returns may contact the IRS at their toll free number, 1-800-829-1040.



Don't forget homes tour Saturday

Ever wonder what the inside of The Veranda looks like? Have you ever had a complete tour of The Farris 1912? If not, you have a chance Saturday, Dec. 11, from 1 to 6 p.m. as the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Employee Trust Fund sponsors "A Small Town Christmas" homes tour.

The tour includes the two houses mentioned above plus the Gould residence on State Street, This Old House on N. McCarty, the home of Steve and Linda Balas on Melody Lane and Jody and René Cooper-Scott's home on the corner of Prairie and Lake.

Tickets may be purchased at the Gould residence or contact Mary Kay Cook at the hospital, 234-5571. There is also a map available to assist newcomers in finding these showcase homes.

Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

County receives Farm Bureau award

Awards for county Farm Bureau public relations and membership were presented in San Antonio last week during the Texas Farm Bureau's 60th annual convention.

Among the 10 counties to receive an award for their scrapbook entries were Cherokee, Colorado, Dawson, Fayette, Gillespie, Lampasas, Lavaca, McLennan, Menard and Van Zandt. These counties were judged to have done the best job during 1992 in public relations activities, including media coverage and the use of organization newsletters.

Former Gov. Dolph Briscoe Jr. was presented the prestigious Meritorious Service Award for his outstanding contributions to the state's farm organization and to agriculture.

The Uvalde rancher and businessman was cited for his co-authorship of the Colson-Briscoe Farm to Market Road Program, written while he was serving in the Legislature in the 1950s. TFB President S.M. True said the legislation revolutionized the lives of rural Texans.

The 70-year-old Briscoe continues to be active in ranching and is a staunch advocate of agriculture. He is involved in ensuring its future by currently serving as chairman of the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Program's leadership council. He also chairs the Agri-food Education Council.

Receiving the Outstanding Young Farmer and Rancher Award at the meeting were Randy and Kay Jasik of Poteet, a South Texas dairyman in Atascosa County.

President True presented his address to the convention.

Sheriff

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vehicle on FM 2144. At the same time, Deputy Troy Neisner was investigating a burglary of a habitation at County Road 155 south of Weimar. Both cases are being investigated.

Saturday, at 11:30 a.m., Deputy Parcell investigated another burglary of a habitation on County Road 249. A cordless telephone and answering machine and the battery from a Kubota tractor were reported stolen during the week while the camp house was unoccupied.

Sunday, Dec. 5, Deputy Peters arrested a suspect for public intoxication at New Bellau Hall at 12:13 a.m. At 12 p.m., Deputy Miller investigated a theft of animals reported on County Road 2434 at Skull Creek. The owner reported two persons, a white male and white female, drove up into their driveway and took nine spotted cow dogs, valued at \$50 each. The suspects were reportedly driving a navy blue Chevy dually pickup. The case is under investigation.

Did You Know... A British driver, John Cobb, was the first to travel more than 400 miles per hour on land. He accomplished this feat in 1947 at the Bonneville Speedway in Utah.

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Watch for Letters to Santa from area school children in next week's Headlight.



Eagle Lake Headlight

Commissioners accept floor plans for new jail

Special to The Headlight
By Rhonda Lattimore
Banner Press Staff

The floor plans for the new Colorado County Jail were accepted by the Colorado County Commissioners' Court Monday morning and steps have been taken to begin the process of creating plans and specifications at the architectural firm of Di Stefano-Santopetro in Houston.

At an estimated cost of \$2.8 million, the plans of the 31,500 square foot facility include 100 beds for inmates broken down to 32 single cells, six eight-man cells and eight separation cells for male prisoners and two single cells, one eight-woman cell and two separation cells for females.

The Jail Facility Advisory Committee, made up of county citizens, recommended the Court accept the floor plans as well as an alternate to the plans for two 24-man dorms.

"Due to the low interest rate and the fact that the cost would be lower if the alternate is attached to the original bid, we recommend you consider this alternate now, rather than later," said committee member Molly Raabe.

Built of precast concrete and brick, Chris Di Stefano told the Court the facility will be constructed on a superb site.

"You are saving at least \$100,000 on the site alone since it is naturally great. There will be very little fill work needed. Rarely do you find a site like this," Di Stefano said.

The County purchased seven acres of land on State Hwy. 90, west of Columbus next to Interstate 10, for \$95,000. Sewer costs have been estimated at \$19,000 for a lift station and pipe. The City of Columbus has agreed to furnish the labor.

The Court also awarded a bid to Mustang Tractor and Equipment in

the amount of \$103,618 for a 135 HP Caterpillar 120 motorgrader for Precinct 3 Commissioner Jerome Wickes. This price included a trade-in.

Questions arose when Wickes made his recommendation to the Court since Mustang Tractor and Equipment was not the low bidder.

R.B. Everett & Co. bid a 135 HP Champion 710A motorgrader with a trade-in for \$70,950. Hi-Way Equipment Co. bid a 135 HP Fiat-Hilas FG-75A motorgrader with trade-in at \$85,896 and a 135 HP Fiat-Hilas FG-105A with trade-in for \$85,896, also. Several 125 HP machines were also bid at lower prices.

Wickes acknowledged the price difference and said that after reviewing the bids, Mustang Tractor and Equipment's machine will best fit the needs of Precinct 3. No other discussion on the matter took place.

Sales tax rebate low once again... Year-to-date rebates up slightly from '92

"Holiday greetings and \$111.8 million go out to the people of Texas," State Comptroller John Sharp said last week as Dec. sales tax rebates were delivered to 927 cities and 111 counties, a 5.6% increase over last year.

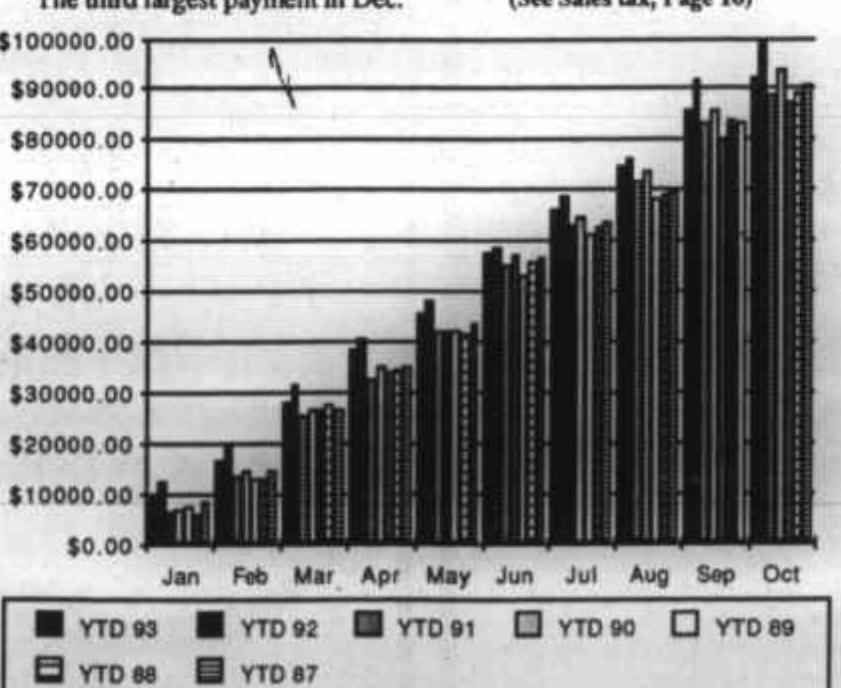
Texas cities received \$101 million in monthly sales tax payments, up 6.7% from the \$94.6 million they received last Dec. Counties received \$10.7 million, down 3.9% from the Dec. 1992 rebates of \$11.2 million.

The City of Eagle Lake received a check for \$6,803.48, down 12.96% from the \$8,803.48 received in Dec. 1992.

The City of Houston received \$14.1 million, the largest sales tax rebate for Dec., down 1.6% from the \$14.4 million in Dec. 1992.

The \$9.1 million payment to the City of Dallas for Dec. was the second largest, up 2.9% from the \$8.9 million for the same period last year.

The third largest payment in Dec.



City of Eagle Lake year-to-date total sales tax rebates charted in the month the city was collected by area businesses.

Raider Bands present impressive program

The Mighty Raider Band announced their 1993-94 sweethearts and bean during their Christmas concert Monday night.

Chosen as Band Sweetheart was Sara Egeberry while Jason Brunner was named Band Beau.

Also, while the high school band was on the floor, members who qualified for Regional Band were introduced to the audience.

Three members of the Raider Band will be vying for seats in the State Band during an upcoming competition.

Crystal Atkins on alto saxophone, Chris Burrow on tenor sax and Sarah Buckner on keyboard will be part of the best in Texas when they represent Rice High School at state competition.

An hour and a half of Christmas music was provided by the three bands in the Rice School District.



Billy Cook chosen first 'Fireman of the Year'

Fire Chief Darrell Gertson announced the inception of a "Fireman of the Year" for the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department during the department's annual Christmas banquet and dance Saturday evening. "Even though all of you firemen out there deserve this award, we could only choose one," Gertson stated. "One member came up with consistently high scores in each of the seven categories used in the evaluation process. Therefore, we have chosen Billy Cook as our first Fireman of the Year." (See additional picture and story, Page 10).

Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

EL Police arrest five

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

Dec. 7 at 9 a.m. Officer Eric Hart received a report of a forgery from ARA Grocery. The case is being investigated.

Dec. 8 at 3:25 p.m. Officer Hart, with Chief Buck Hall and Officer Tony Cassaro assisting, was dispatched to the hospital in reference to a burglary of two coin operated machines.

Dec. 9 at 9 p.m., Officer Cassaro made a traffic stop at State and Alamo St. He identified the passengers and learned that one subject, Douglas Scott was wanted on outstanding warrants. Scott was arrested and transported to county jail.

Officer Cassaro was dispatched to a disturbance at 8:57 p.m. on Shirley St. After meeting with the subjects, the matter was settled.

Dec. 10, Officer Hart assisted the ambulance at 8:04 a.m. with the pick up of a nonresponsive patient.

At 9:29 a.m., Officer Hart was dispatched to a possible break-in in progress on E. Waverly St. On arrival he arrested Michael Hernandez on an outstanding warrant for disorderly conduct. Hernandez was transported to county jail.

Officer Hart was dispatched to a two car accident at S. Austin and S. McCarty St. Dec. 11 at 9:43 a.m. Neil Edward Broeseke was driving a 1994 Chevrolet S-10 pickup and Sammie Jo Wiley of Wharton, driving a 1991 Mercury Cougar, were involved in the accident. There were no injuries sustained.

Officer Hart responded to a 9-1-1 hang up call at a residence where he found a phone had been accidentally knocked over.

Dec. 11 at 6 p.m., Officer Cassaro was dispatched to a disturbance on Davitt St. After meeting with the complainant and subject involved, no charges were filed.

At 12 a.m., Officer Cassaro made a traffic stop at Second and B St. A passenger in the vehicle, identified as Lloyd Middleton was arrested on an outstanding warrant, processed and taken to county jail.

Dec. 12 at 3:40 a.m. Officer Lance Segler made a traffic stop on Glass Flora Road. The driver, identified as

Robert Lee Mottu of Clute, was found to have outstanding DPS warrants against him. Mottu was arrested and transported to county jail.

Sgt. Clem Johnson arrested Alvin Sosa on two outstanding warrants Dec. 12. Sosa was taken to county jail for confinement.

During the month of Nov., the police department answered 166 calls. They handled 39 criminal cases and 32 cases were cleared.

There were two assaults, 10 burglaries, nine thefts, 17 disturbances, three accidents, seven cases of criminal mischief and 118 other miscellaneous calls.

Officers made 26 arrests during the month with six misdemeanors and five felonies.

Thefts, burglaries plague county

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

Sunday, Dec. 5, at 12:45 p.m., Deputy Robert Miller investigated a theft at Rock Island. A rear license plate was stolen from a vehicle.

Monday, Dec. 6, L.L. R.H. Wied investigated a misdemeanor theft at FM 102 south of IH-10 at Wilson Hill. Eight portable stock panels were apparently dismantled from a pen and loaded into a trailer. Eight other panels were left on the ground. The stolen items are valued at \$705.

At 6 p.m., Sgt. Bill Lattimore investigated a burglary of a habitation on County Road 250 near the Fayette County line. At 8:47, Lattimore investigated an assault on County Road 106 in Rock Island. The case is pending action by the complainant.

Dec. 7, Deputy Troy Neisner investigated a burglary of a vehicle at 1:15 p.m. in Hwy. 90A in Albur.

Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 9 a.m., Deputy Thaine Busby investigated a

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