

BARGAIN

LAKE MOTORS Has the Right Prices on Used Cars

...and the Right People to Sell Them!

J.C. Cooper Pat Mascheck

USED CARS

	Our Price	Your Payment
1993 Olds Ciera S Stk. #1694U; 18,000 miles, GM Program Car, full warranty	11,995 ⁰⁰	276.22 ¹
1992 Chevy Cavalier RS Stk. #1555U; 19,500 miles, GM Program Car	8,595 ⁰⁰	190.81 ¹
1992 Chevy Lumina Sedan Stk. #1647U; GM Program Car; 18,000 miles	10,495 ⁰⁰	238.54 ¹
1992 Geo Prizm Stk. #1658U; GM Program Car; 18,500 miles	8,495 ⁰⁰	188.29 ¹
1991 Chevy Cavalier RS Stk. #1620U; 29,832 miles	6,995 ⁰⁰	176.96 ²
1987 Mercury Col. Park Wagon Stk. #1690U; 63,712 miles; WE FINANCE!	4,495 ⁰⁰	42.44 ³
1986 Olds Toronado Stk. #1631U; 68,000 miles; Real beauty; WE FINANCE!	5,495 ⁰⁰	65.34 ⁵
1982 Chevy Impala 63,000 miles; Spotted! WE FINANCE!	2,995 ⁰⁰	51.77 ⁶

USED TRUCKS

1993 Chevy C1500 Stk. #845U; Dealer demo; 9,000 miles	11,864 ⁰⁰	272.93 ¹
1991 Chevy Suburban Anaheim package	17,995 ⁰⁰	426.96 ¹
1991 Chevy C1500 Stk. #1674U; Dealer demo; 24,000 miles	10,495 ⁰⁰	280.27 ²
1991 Ford XLT Lariat Supercab Great shape!	11,349 ⁰⁰	305.48 ²
1990 Chevy 3/4-Ton HD Silverado Pickup Stk. #1720U; All power	9,996 ⁰⁰	265.54 ²
1988 Chevy S-10 Ext. Cab Stk. #1703U; Dealer demo; 67,000 miles	7,995 ⁰⁰	206.48 ²

1 - \$1000 - TOTAL down, cash or trade, @ 9.5% APR, 48 months.
2 - \$1000 - TOTAL down, cash or trade, @ 12.50% APR, 42 months.
3 - \$1000 down, cash or trade, @ 17.95% APR, pay week for 12 months.
4 - \$1000 down, cash or trade, @ 17.95% APR, pay week for 15 months.
5 - \$1000 down, cash or trade, @ 17.95% APR, pay week for 18 months.
6 - \$800 down, cash or trade, @ 17.95% APR, pay week for 12 months.

"Home of Award Winning Service"

LAKE MOTORS, INC.

• Chevrolet • Geo
• Oldsmobile • Cadillac

323 S. McCarty Eagle Lake 409-234-5556

WE FINANCE! Se Habla Español

Firemen re-elect Gertson chief

The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department has elected the new officers for 1994. Most positions will continue to be filled by the current officials and all three companies will keep their same captains and lieutenants for the coming year.

Chief Darrell D. Gertson was re-elected fire chief with Gary Glaiser as first assistant and Michael Rucka second assistant. Chuck Stephens continues as major training coordinator and Pete Canaris as treasurer. Sam Pirtle was elected to replace Ray Obenhaus as secretary.

Company #1 is led by Capt. Paul Marsalis and Lt. Peter Canaris; Company #2, Capt. Curtis Rose and Lt. Jeff Argo; Company #3, Capt. Thurston Webb and Lt. David Baird.

The racing team captains for 1994 will be Howard Wilkerson and Joe Lee Perez replacing William R. Cook and Shane Glaiser.

Rusty Moulder will be the new mascot.

The 1994 pension board, S.B. 411 will be Peter Canaris, Howard Wilkerson, Joe Lee Perez, Harold Raabe, Clinton Mascheck, Victor Corman, Lucille Perry and Betsy Glaiser.

Vance Corman will continue as sergeant at arms and Harold Raabe as chaplain for the department.

Making up the membership committee will be Shane Glaiser, Todd Mascheck and Joe Lee Perez. Harold Raabe and William Moulder will be the maintenance supervisors.



1994 Mascot, Miss Sparkle

Chosen as this year's Miss Sparkle was Andrea Contreras, daughter of Greg and Lydia Contreras. Rusty Moulder will serve as the department's mascot this coming year. He is the 3-1/2 year old son of Wm. R. Moulder.



Pink Ladies Tree

This well decorated Christmas tree in the lobby of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital is a fund raising effort by the Auxiliary to benefit the hospital. Pink Ladies Eunice Duty and Iva Willis help decorate the tree with bright pink angels bearing the names of donors and the persons to whom the angels are dedicated.

For only \$1 each or six for \$5 anyone can add their angels to the tree and help the hospital. "Although the tree is well decorated, there is always room for more," said Auxiliary President Pat Stapleton.

Sales tax

Continued from Page 1

Year-to-date totals for the above cities are: Columbus, \$384,755.84, +2.38%; Weimar, \$119,607.26, +11.92%; Seely, \$422,164.31, +6.37%; Belville, \$203,692.31, +11.69%; El Campo, \$1,432,302.04, +42.73%; and Wharton, \$1,040,615.40, +9.38%.

On the county level, Colorado County's Dec. check was \$30,846.78, up 1.88% from last year giving a year-to-date total of \$469,555.86, +3.94%. Wharton County received \$70,668.75, up 3.36%, making the year-to-date total \$1,047,725.44, +1.30%. Austin County received \$51,344.07, up 48.74% from 1992. Year-to-date Austin County's total is \$606,812.42, up 9.08%.

This month's sales tax payments include taxes collected by monthly filers on Oct. sales and reported to the Comptroller in Nov.

El Campo now collects 1.5% city sales tax giving an inflated percentage of increase.

Sheriff

Continued from Page 1

felony theft of a 16 ft. cattle trailer from behind the Exxon station on Hwy. 71 south. It was later found abandoned in Mt. Pleasant.

At 11:30 a.m., Lt. Wied investigated a misdemeanor theft at FM 102 south of Matthews. Two six-volt batteries were reported stolen from a John Deere farm tractor.

Thursday, Deputy Busby investigated a theft at Rice High School.

Saturday, Dec. 11, at 12:40 a.m., Deputy Leonard Peters and Justice of the Peace Hanzelka investigated a fatal self-inflicted gunshot wound to a person at FM 2434.

Sunday, Dec. 12, at 10 p.m., Deputy Peters investigated a case of a runaway juvenile on Reese Lane. Information was entered into the computer.

uty Peters investigated a case of a runaway juvenile on Reese Lane. Information was entered into the computer.

Four Raider band members headed for state

Four members of the Rice High School Raider Band have qualified for the final contest for all-state band.

The four musicians will travel to Banquette for the finals on Jan. 8. Crystal Atkins will compete on baritone saxophone; Jill Satsky will compete on contrabass clarinet; Chris (See Band, Page 4)

Letters to Santa

...from area school children, as well as greetings from area businesses and organizations are in this week's issue, starting on Page 8.

Eagle Lake Headlight

December 23, 1993

(USPS 163-760)
Volume 90, No. 39
18 Pages
Eagle Publishing, Inc.
P.O. Box 67 — 220 E. Main St.
Eagle Lake, Texas 77434-0067
409-234-5521

35¢ PER COPY

Citizens ask Council to consider changing curfew

By Lynda Appelt, Contributing Writer

The possible drafting of an ordinance that will hold parents accountable for the actions of their children and the lowering of curfew hours were major topics of discussion at the Eagle Lake City Council meeting last week.

A group of concerned citizens addressed Council concerning the present curfew ordinance drafted in August, 1989, and the manner in which it is being enforced.

A request by the citizens' group to lower the curfew (begin the curfew at an earlier time) was supported by Eagle Lake Police Chief Buck Hall who concurred that earlier curfew hours would help with the juvenile crime problem that pervades the City.

Hall referred to those in the community and schools who think the City does not have gang and narcotic problems as having the "ostrich syndrome."

"Getting the juveniles off the streets earlier will not solve the problem, but it is a step in the right direction," said Hall.

"We must look at youth outreach programs and parental guidance as the ultimate solutions."

The citizens' group related personal incidents of taunting, harassment, rock throwing resulting in glass and window breakage, theft and general malicious mischief by juveniles as young as 10 to 12 years old.

"Youngsters as young as these do not need to be on the streets at 9:30 and 10 at night. They need to be home doing homework," one member of the group stated.

The present curfew ordinance makes it unlawful for any person under 16 years of age to be on the streets or alleys or any other public place between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. the next morning unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, unless in lawful employment, or on a lawful errand.

The child may be on the public sidewalk in front of his house with permission of the child's parent or guardian.

Police officers are authorized to pick up any juvenile found breaking the ordinance and detain him or her until a parent or guardian takes custody.

The ordinance also states that any child appearing to be incorrigible, vagrant or lacking parental care or homeless will have proceedings taken for that juvenile to be placed in the care of a state institution.

Violation of the ordinance is a misdemeanor and upon conviction, the violator shall be fined.

Council approved a request by the Eagle Lake Youth Council Inc. for the waiver of property taxes for 1993 and the preceding five years. Total amount waived was \$250.83.

The youth council received a tax exempt status for the Boy Scout property located on Prairie Street. The exempt status was granted after the 1993 assessments. In order for the status to be retroactive, each taxing entity must waive the taxes due.

Craig Kankel has submitted the design for the sewer plant improvements to the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (formerly the Texas Water Commission). Kankel was given approval to advertise for bids so Council can award a contract on Jan. 25, 1994.

Council authorized City Manager Ron Holland to negotiate further with the railroad on the cost of leasing the property behind the old city warehouse and the street easement on the property between McCarty and Jones Streets.

The railroad will not give the City the street easement, even though it has been used by the City for years as a street.

Council approved an amount of \$400 to join several other cities and the Texas Municipal League in hiring an attorney to develop an ordinance which will allow the City to maintain some regulation of basic cable television rates. This action must be taken before Feb. 15, 1994, or the City will lose all control over rates.

Hall told Council he will meet with local school district officials concerning the placement of school zone signs and also recommended a traffic light to be placed at E. Main at Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 102. According to Hall, both are needed to enhance traffic safety in the city.

Council cancelled its scheduled Dec. 28 meeting and approved bonuses for all city employees.

Traditionally, city employees have been given bonuses figured on 10% of their monthly salary for those with one year or more of service. Those with less than one year of service were given \$50. Bonuses for this year total \$3,041.87.

Council, with some reservation and emphasis on tight restrictions, approved a request by Hall to allow the K-9 officer to use his vehicle to transport the drug dogs to and from his residence, located outside the city limits, on his days off. The dogs must remain with the officer at all times. (See Council, Page 8)



Eagle Lake Volunteer Firemen Pete Canaris and Gary Darrell Gertson, left, during last Saturday night's festivities. Looking on is Second Assistant Chief Michael Rucka. Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

20 Years of service

Eagle Lake Volunteer Firemen Pete Canaris and Gary Darrell Gertson, left, during last Saturday night's festivities. Looking on is Second Assistant Chief Michael Rucka.

911 call leads police to body

Chief Buck Hall, with Officers Cassaro and Segler, responded to a 911 call on Raezer St. to find an unresponsive person. After observing the subject Chief Hall determined, to the best of his knowledge, the subject was deceased. Justice of the Peace Mary Lou Stymanski was called for an inquest.

Eagle Lake Police Department also reported the following calls for the past week.

Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 1:52 p.m., Officer Lance Segler was dispatched to Glen Meadows in reference to a report of a suspicious subject. No suspects were located.

Officer Eric Hart and Sgt. Clem Johnson responded to an alarm at First National Bank, Dec. 16 at 8:28 a.m. After meeting with a bank officer, the officer confirmed the alarm had been pulled by mistake.

Officer Hart was dispatched to a residence on 3rd St. Dec. 17 about a report of a prowler. A search did not locate a suspect.

Officer Tony Cassaro is investigating the burglary of a habitation on Davitt St. which occurred between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Dec. 15. Several items were reported missing.

Dec. 19 at 12:44 a.m., Officer Cassaro made a traffic stop of a vehicle in the 600 block of Maple St. after the driver failed to maintain driving in a single lane. The driver, Roque A. Rodriguez, was arrested or driving while intoxicated and transported to county jail.

Jose Rodriguez, who was a passenger in the vehicle, was also arrested and jailed for public intoxication.

Dec. 19 at 2:57 a.m. Officer Segler observed a subject loitering outside Lou's Gourmet Restaurant and advised him to go inside or leave the premises. About 10 minutes later, Segler returned to find the subject still outside.

When the officer advised the subject he was under arrest for loitering, the subject ran. Segler pursued the subject on foot and subdued him. Jesse Scott was arrested and transported to county jail for evading arrest. There were also outstanding warrants issued in Columbus against Scott.

School board studies financial report

By Lynda Appelt, Contributing Writer

The financial report for the year ending Aug. 31 was presented to the Rice Consolidated Independent School District board of trustees recently by the auditing firm of Silva Glassett and Company.

According to the audit, the district continues to be financially sound, maintaining its three-month emergency operating surplus as recommended by the state of Texas. The fund balance as shown in the audit report is \$1,620,433 compared to \$1,412,169 on the same date last year. Revenues for 1993 were \$8,082,557 compared to \$7,602,562 in 1992.

Expenditures shown in the report were \$7,861,043 for 1993 and \$8,125,509 in 1992.

The report states that the district seems to have complied in all material respects of its internal control management with the exception of several (See School board, Page 8)

Library offers amnesty to overdue borrowers

The Eula and David Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake will offer an amnesty period for patrons with overdue books and magazines.

The delinquent borrowers may turn in their books from Dec. 27 through 31 without fines. Anyone who has overdue materials from the library is invited to return them without having to pay any fine during these five days.

The Wintermann Library now owns over 300 videos available to be checked out for a three day period. Best selling videos as well as classics and holiday movies are ready to be checked out.

Best sellers on the book list now at the library include *The Grass* (See Amnesty, Page 8)

NEWSBRIEFS

Holiday closings announced

Several area businesses and public offices have reported closings for the upcoming holidays:

The Eagle Lake Headlight will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 23 and 24, for Christmas.

Lake Motors Inc. will remain open until noon Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, for the convenience of customers, but will be closed Saturday.

First National Bank will be closed Friday, Dec. 24.

The City of Eagle Lake will be closed both Fridays, Dec. 24 and 31, for holidays. There will be no garbage pick up service on Friday. Regular service resumes Monday.

Grace Lutheran has candlelight service

The congregation of Grace Lutheran Church invites the community to join them Dec. 24, for their annual Christmas Eve candlelight service at 6 p.m. The special tree decorated with Christmas made by women of the congregation will be on display for the service.

Methodist Christmas Eve services

The Garwood United Methodist Church will have a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 5 p.m. Dec. 24. The Eagle Lake United Methodist Church will have their candlelight service at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to join in the informal services of carol singing.

City customers' rates to be set

Customers of the Eagle Lake City water system are encouraged to check for and repair any water leaks immediately. The City of Eagle Lake will be considering water consumption of each customer from Dec. through March 15 to calculate residential sewer rates for the upcoming year. Each sewer rate is based on the actual water consumption for that particular residence. Anyone having questions may contact City Hall at 234-2640.

Yoakum shows Christmas tree exhibit

The Yoakum Heritage Museum, 312 Simpson in Yoakum, invites the public to see the 64 Christmas trees on exhibit now through the holidays. The museum is open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Contributions of \$1 for adults and 25¢ for children are appreciated.

Raider alumni game is Dec. 27

The Rice Raider varsity will host the first Alumni basketball game Monday, Dec. 27, at 6 p.m. in the Rice High School gym. Former Raiders and other graduates make up the Alumni team which will take on the current Raider varsity. Everyone is invited to an evening of fun and excitement at the gym.

Christmas crafts show set for Wharton

More than 60 artists and craftsmen will be at Landmark Productions' annual "Last-Minute Christmas Shoppers' Professional Arts & Crafts Show and Sale in the Wharton Civic Center on Dec. 18-19.

Pictured, below left, is Stephanie Papal, of Burleson, with her hand-made Christmas ornaments. She participates in more than 20 shows annually. Her unique decorations may be personalized at the show and are excellent gift items.

Also featured in the show will be woodcrafts, jewelry, specialty food items, ceramics, toys, quilts, needlepoint, leathercrafts, and hundreds more items.

Show hours are 9-5 Sat. and 11-4 Sun. The \$3 adult admission is good both days. Children under 12 admitted free.

Each paid admission includes a coupon good for \$1 discount on any purchase of \$10 or more from any exhibitor.

Drawings for door prizes given by the exhibitors are held each half hour and no purchase is required to enter the drawings.

The Wharton Community Civic Center is located at 1924 North Fulton St.



Commissioners

Continued from Page 1

doubled since 1989 and his office also deals with juveniles, family violence cases, mental health needs and Children's Protective Services.

"This office can no longer operate with just a full-time attorney and one secretary. We need help," Sebasta said.

Questions were fired at Sebasta as to whether hiring and assistant, part-time attorney would solve the problem without hiring another secretary as funds are limited for salaries.

"Any help would be appreciated at this time. We can work with someone and explain the need for them to handle some of their own 'secretarial' duties," said Sebasta.

The Court agreed to allow Sebasta to begin interviewing and will place the item on a future agenda.

W.M. Thomas Jr. Insurance Agency

Representing THE TRAVELERS

• LIFE • HEALTH • ANNUITIES • WORKERS COMP • FIRE • AUTO • BOAT • TRUCK • HOMEOWNER • FARM • BONDS • MOBILE HOMES • BUSINESS INSURANCE

"COMPLETE BUSINESS & HOME COVERAGE"

409-234-2619
409-234-5069

411 N. Mills Eagle Lake

CELLULARONE
OF MID-SOUTH TEXAS

December Special

- No Activation Fee
- First month, double free minutes
- 60 Free Minutes
- Eagle Lake phone number

12 or 24 month contracts. Call for details.

Phone Sale!

SHINDLER ELECTRIC SERVICE
Hwy. 90A East, Eagle Lake
409-234-5433

The Eureka Vacuum

Power Sale!

True Value
HANDMADE STORES

Eureka Mega Boss® World Vac
with on-board attachment set
Model 9334
\$139⁹⁹

- Permanently attached hose
- 4 piece on board cleaning attachment set
- Filtration dust bag system

Eureka Upright The BOSS® Upright
6.5 Amp Motor
6-Position Carpet Height Adjustment
Model 2034
\$39⁹⁹

Eureka Bravo!® Boss®
Convenient On-Board Cleaning Attachments
AS SEEN ON TV!
Model 9034
\$99⁹⁹

Eureka Upright
5.5 Amp Motor
Triple Filtration Bag System
7-Position Carpet Height Adj.
Model 1432
\$59⁹⁹

Save Now On Genuine Eureka Bags & Belts!

Eagle Lake Farm & Home Supply
123 E. Main Eagle Lake 234-2566

Chrismons tell own stories of season

By Walter Meyer, Minister, Grace Lutheran Church

When members of Grace Lutheran Church gather for worship during the Christmas season, they are greeted by more than simple lights and ornaments in their worship area. Their attention focuses on the beauties of a special Christmas tree decorated with unique, hand made "Chrismons."

The special tree welcomed members and guests for a Christmas pageant Dec. 19 and will again be enjoyed by those attending the Christmas Eve candlelight service Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. The service will include carols, music and the reading of the story of Jesus' birth from the Gospel of Luke. Friends as well as neighbors in the community are invited to attend this joyful service.

Chrismon is a combination of parts of two words: Christ and Monogram. A Chrismon is just that—a monogram of Christ.

For centuries, trees were used to celebrate pagan holidays and had nothing to do with the birth of Jesus. But during the period of the 16th century, trees were brought into the churches with candles and many ornaments to give special emphasis to the celebration of the birth of Christ.

In recent years, many Christian churches have taken special effort to create "Christian Monograms" (Chrismons), each of which tells something about the person and work of Jesus Christ or various teachings from the Bible about heaven and the redemption that opens the doors of heaven for the believer.

At Grace Lutheran Church, the lovely tree is decorated with dozens of Chrismons, each artfully created by ladies of the church. From year to year, the ornaments are carefully wrapped and stored to be brought out again and again to celebrate the Christmas season.

Each Chrismon tells its own story using various combinations of symbols, crosses, monograms, letters and words. All the Chrismons are made in combinations of white and gold. White, the liturgical color for Christmas, represents our Lord's purity and perfection. Gold is to his majesty and glory.

We point to the Christ as the light of the world by using tiny white lights on the tree.

Different symbols grouped on the large double loop on the tree are based on the church year which follows the life of our Lord. The upper circle tells (See Chrismons, Page 5)



Chrismons grace tree

The Christmas tree at Grace Lutheran Church with its handmade Chrismon decorations helps worshippers prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Highlighting this year's celebration will be the Christmas Eve candlelight service with carols, music and reading the story of Jesus' birth from the Gospel of Luke. Photo Courtesy of Grace Lutheran Church