

BARGAIN

LAKE MOTORS Has the Right Prices on Used Cars...

PROGRAM CARS...

1993 Chevy Corsica Blue, #1843U, with options.	Our Price \$9,995.00
1992 Old Cutlass Supreme Beautiful teal.	\$12,500.00

USED CARS...

1993 Cadillac Sedan DeVille Parts	SOLD \$21,995.00
1992 Chevy Lumina Red.	\$7,995.00
1992 Chevy Lumina Gray; Loaded! 48,000 Miles!	\$7,995.00
1986 Pontiac Parisienne Real clean! We finance!	\$3,695.00
1985 Plymouth Reliant 57,000 Miles. Exceptionally clean. We finance!	\$3,495.00
1984 Olds Delta 88 We finance!	\$2,995.00
1981 Chevy Impala We finance!	SOLD \$1,995.00
1980 Chevy Malibu Real clean car! We finance!	\$2,495.00

"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

City sales tax collections still on downslide

State Comptroller John Sharp recently delivered a total of \$128.3 million in Sept. sales tax rebates to 944 Texas cities and 111 counties, a 9.3% increase over payments of a year ago.

Sharp said an all-time employment high of 7.7 million working Texans has produced greater consumer confidence and increased buying, which often translates into higher sales tax collections. More than 226,000 new jobs were created since July 1993—181,000 of which were in the services, trade, construction and manufacturing sectors.

According to Sharp, Texas cities received \$115.5 million for their Sept. sale tax payments, up 9.2% from the \$105.7 million for Sept. 1993. Counties were sent \$12.8 million, 9.4% over last year's \$11.7 million.

Contrasting that, the check received by the City of Eagle Lake in the amount of \$6,825.61 was down 16.96% from the \$8,220.10 received last Sept., giving a year-to-date total of \$79,361.74, down 19.21% from the \$98,239.66 total at this time last year.

This month's payments include taxes collected on July sales and reported to the Comptroller in Aug. by businesses filing monthly returns.

The City of Houston received \$15.5 million, the largest sale tax rebate for Sept., a 2.6% increase over the \$15.1 million rebate for the same period last year.

"Houston gained 6,900 construction jobs since July 1993, marking that sector's largest employment gains since late 1990," Sharp said.

The \$10.2 million Sept. payment to the City of Dallas was up 9.7% from the \$9.3 million for the same period last year.

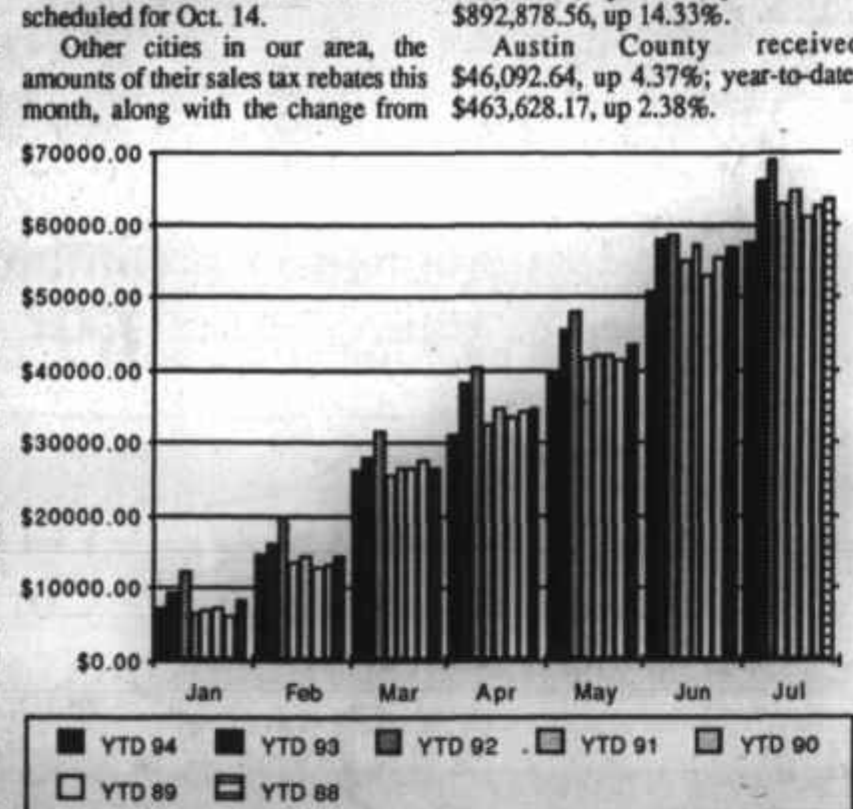
"The Dallas area again showed strong economic growth, adding 71,000 jobs, more than other major metro area in the state," Sharp said.

San Antonio received the third largest rebate of \$6.7 million, 9.1% over the \$6.2 million last Sept.

"The Alamo City's steady employment gains continued, and United Parcel announced plans to add 200 jobs at its new processing and distribution center in Oct.," Sharp said.

Austin's payment of \$5.6 million for Sept. reflected an impressive 20.6% increase above the Sept. 1993 payment of \$4.6 million.

"The Austin area remains the fastest growing metro in the state with sustained growth in all sectors of



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

Farm Bureau committee meets

The Policy Development Committee of the Colorado County Farm Bureau met Tuesday, Sept. 13, in Columbus. The committee considered recommendations of several policies submitted by members reported Chairman Billy Hefner.

Others attending were Max Dittmar of Bernardo; Paul Fowler, Columbus; and Perry Kloesel and Ted Brandt, Weimar.

On Thursday, the County Farm Bureau met Tuesday, Sept. 13, in District XI Policy Development meeting in Hockley. Hefner and Lawrence Stallman of Garwood, Leon Hatterman of Weimar with agency manager Gene Evans and his wife Sue were present as well as Texas Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman of Columbus.

Police

Continued from Page 1

patched to the county barn, along with the county commissioner.

While on patrol on Sept. 23 at 7:25 p.m., Officer Brian Ochoa made a traffic stop on Lake at State Street. After checking, the subject was wanted for outstanding DPS warrants. Keith Ishee was arrested, processed and transported to the county jail for confinement.

On Sept. 24 at 9:55 a.m., Officers Ochoa and Eric Bilbo were dispatched to the scene of an accident on 90A one mile east of Eagle Lake.

Officers Ochoa and Bilbo stood by and directed traffic until the arrival of a DPS officer, at which time they returned to the City.

Also on the Sept. 24 at 11:50 p.m., Officer David Wood was dispatched to the KC Hall in reference to a disturbance.

Romero Rico Jr. was arrested for

public intoxication and disorderly conduct and transported to the county jail for confinement.

Officer Michael Krenke was dispatched to a report of a family disturbance on Murphy Street on Sept. 23 at 6:08 p.m. After meeting with the subjects, they declined to press charges.

Officer Jeff Argo was dispatched to the Country Time Inn on Sept. 25 at 12:36 a.m. in reference to a fight. After surveying the situation, it was learned that it was no fight. No charges were filed.

Officer Davis is investigating a report of a stolen bicycle reported to him on Sept. 26 at 7:15 p.m.

Also on Sept. 26, Officer Davis received a report of a burglary of a vehicle. The incident occurred while the vehicle was parked at Austin's Grocery. The case remains under investigation.

Commissioners

Continued from Page 1

These areas of non-compliance, along with others found in the past, are reasons the County is constructing a new facility which should be completed by June 1995.

In other business, the Court:

- Gave audience to Daniel Lewis of the Texas Forest Service who gave a program on Oak Wilt;
- Learned the 1993 annual financial statement was approved by Pierce Arthur, C.P.A., of Columbus;
- Heard a report by Benion Carey of the Colorado Valley Drug & Alcohol Council in regard to an investigation into its finances. Carey stated the

organization was cleared of any wrong-doing and funding from the state was increased. The Court requested a written report as soon as possible;

- Accepted the employment of Douglas Wessles in Precinct 1; and
- Agreed to advertise for a vehicle for Precinct 3 and 12-14 yard dump trucks for the County.



Barbara Frybert Litzmann

Second

Continued from Page 1

assistant to Dr. Arnold Krammer, professor of history, and transcriber/editor of the tapes that resulted in the professor's book, *Hitler's Last Soldier in America*.

On top of that, she graduated Cum Laude from A&M and is working on her masters degree.

"The faculty and I are very happy to have her as a new member of our 'family'. She brings innovative ideas and an enthusiasm that's contagious. Welcome home, Barbara."

Jump Start Your Holiday Season at...

THIS OLD HOUSE

502 S. McCarty • Eagle Lake

Open House

Sat., Oct. 1

Refreshment • Door Prize

Unique Gifts • Art & Crafts

For Halloween, Thanksgiving & Christmas!

A Little Bit of Everything!

Judy Cooper

ELMS yearbooks arrive

Eagle Lake Middle School Yearbooks for 1993-94 have arrived. High school students who wish, may pick up their books in the ELMS cafeteria from 7:30-7:45 a.m. or 3:45-4 p.m.

If they wish to have an ELMS student pick up the book for them, they will need to send the yearbook receipt or a hand-written note.

Pepper & Herrweather

GREAT COMBINED

CIRCUS

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND THE REAL THING!

ONE DAY ONLY!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

2:00 PM & 4:00 PM

BEHIND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL

Sponsored By Eagle Lake Lions Club

Tickets Available From

THE CONOCO STATION	LAKE MOTORS
EAGLE LAKE FARM AND HOME	DAN'S MINUTE STOP
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	ANY LIONS CLUB MEMBER

BUY EARLY AND SAVE

UP TO **\$2**

"The quintessential American circus" *Los Angeles Times*

Crime Stoppers 'Crime of the Week'

Sometime during the day on Oct. 3, a brown envelope was stolen from ARA Grocery Store on E. Main.

The envelope contained a passport and birth certificates; there were no monies involved. The safe return of the envelope and all contents will result in the payment of a "Quick \$100.00" by the Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers.

Your identity need not be divulged. Just call Crime Stoppers at 234-2727 and a number will be assigned to you.

Eagle Lake Headlight

October 6, 1994

(USPS 683-760)
Volume 91, No. 28
12 Pages Plus 1 Insert
Eagle Publishing, Inc.
P.O. Box 67 — 220 E. Main St.
Eagle Lake, Texas 77434-0067
409-234-5521

35¢ PER COPY

NEWSBRIEFS

Veterans seminar at Opera House today

The Texas Veterans Land Board will hold a free seminar and exhibit for Texas veterans Thursday, Oct. 6, at the Stafford Opera House, 425 Spring St. in Columbus. Registration begins at 6 p.m. The topic will include the low interest loans program for land, housing and home improvements. For information call 1-800-252-8387.

Free depression screenings planned

Riceland Regional Mental Health Authority, with the Mental Health Alliance and Alliance for the Mentally III of Fort Bend County, will offer free depression screenings Thursday, Oct. 6, as part of Mental Health Recognition Week, Oct. 2-8, along with an Open House at the Riceland Community Service Center in Columbus. Call 409-732-6204 for details.

Seniors to dance Oct. 7

The Eagle Lake KCHall is the site of the senior citizens' dance Friday, Oct. 7, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Singles and couples are welcome and the band will be The Country Playboys.

WhartonFest this weekend

WhartonFest on the Colorado will be held Oct. 7-8 in downtown Wharton. Carnival rides, barbecue cookoff, beer garden and live music are all planned for Friday evening. Saturday will be the 5K run, volleyball tournament, arts and crafts booths, horseshoe tournament, food booths, children's activities and live entertainment on stage.

Garwood sets fund raisers

The Garwood Community Association's annual rummage and bake sales will be Saturday, Oct. 8, from 8 a.m. to noon. The rummage sale is at the community building on Arthur St.; the bake sale will be in front of F&W Food Store and Nada Grocery.

KC's plan fried chicken dinner

The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus will have a fried chicken dinner Oct. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the KC Hall. The cost is \$5 a plate and plates will be available to go.

Rock Island church sets revival

The Rock Island Full Gospel Church will host a revival Oct. 9-14 with Evangelist Randy Dalton from Ava, Mo. Services will be Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. and Monday through Friday at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

St. Anthony parish sets picnic

The St. Anthony Catholic Church of Columbus will hold their annual Fall Festival parish picnic Sunday, Oct. 9, at the Knights of Columbus Hall. A barbecue beef and sausage dinner will be served 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with plates to go available. Bingo, country store, bands and games will be offered.

Victoria lay conference set

Catholic Diocese of Victoria will host a Conference for Catechesis and Ministry, Oct. 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Victoria College. Registration fee is \$12. For information contact the diocese office at 512-573-0828 or P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903.

Columbus Day closings announced

Area banks and the Colorado County Courthouse offices will be closed Monday, Oct. 10, in observance of Columbus Day. As this is not a scheduled Chamber of Commerce holiday, the Eagle Lake Headlight, City of Eagle Lake office and all services will be open as usual.

Sign up for crafts show

Applications and registration forms are available for the Arts and Crafts Show sponsored by Fayette County Partners for Parenting to be held Nov. 13. The show will be at the KC Hall in La Grange, noon to 5 p.m., with door prizes as well as food and drink concessions. Call 409-968-5831 for information.

Raider Boosters to meet

Rice High School Athletic Booster Club will meet Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school PAC. All members and interested Raider supporters are welcome to attend.

October benefit to help Garza Fund

Saturday, Oct. 15, the Emily Garza Benefit Fund event begins at 11 a.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center with a pie and cake sale. Auction is at 1 p.m. To donate to the auction, call 234-7371. A drawing will be held during the auction. Tickets are available from local businesses and individuals. Serving begins at 5 p.m. for the barbecue dinner with plates to go available. A dance 8 p.m. to midnight, will round out the day. All proceeds will help defray medical expenses for Emily Garza. Donations may be made at First National Bank.

PTO bake sale set

The Eagle Lake Primary School PTO will hold a bake sale Saturday, Oct. 15, beginning at 8 a.m. in front of Wilcox IGA. The funds from the sale will be used for field trips.

GCMC has blood drive

A blood drive will be held Oct. 17 from 12 to 7 p.m. at Gulf Coast Medical Center classroom. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcome. Donors may register for door prizes. Call 409-532-0434 for appointments. (See Newsbriefs, Page 12)

\$1,000 REWARD

A \$1,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the destruction of a Steiger 470 farm tractor owned by Gertson Farm Partnership.

The tractor was taken by person(s) unknown and driven into an unoccupied house on FM 102 in Ramsey on, or about, Dec. 4, 1993. The resulting fire destroyed the tractor and house.

If you have any information regarding this case, please call Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers at 234-5555. YOU WILL REMAIN ANONYMOUS!

You can register to vote at the

Council approves auxiliary officers, option on land purchase for prison

By Lynda Appelt

The Eagle Lake City Council approved two auxiliary officers for the City's Police Department and found a new canine officer in the process.

Officers Steve Allan Hassin and Jack Knox were appointed to replace auxiliary officers Keith Norman and Sandra Davis. Both Hassin and Knox are experienced officers.

Hassin is the former chief deputy for Precinct 5 in Galveston County and an officer at Iowa Colony.

Knox, who resides in Houston, is certified as a canine officer, accident and traffic investigator, DWI specialist and DEA officer. Knox's canine is one of several throughout the state trained in both narcotics and building search and tracking.

Attorney Don Bendy met with Council in executive session prior

Council's authorization of an expenditure of \$1,000 to obtain an option of first refusal to obtain the Foster-Kranz property for a prison site.

A bid of \$312,180 by Uticon Inc. of Rosenberg was accepted for the construction of sewer improvements funded by a community development grant.

Council also approved the purchase of Lots Nos. 23 and 24 in the Highland Park Addition for the airport expansion project.

The lots are on the east side of the

current runway in an underdeveloped subdivision and fall within the current runway protection zone.

The \$500 expenditure is funded 90% by the Texas Department of Transportation and 10% by the City. The City's total cost is \$50.

In other business, Council:

- Awarded Texas Municipal League the city's insurance coverage for worker's compensation, general liability, automobile liability, law enforcement and public officials liability;
- Reappointed Clark Powers to the Colorado County Central Appraisal District board of directors. He currently serves on the board representing the City of Eagle Lake and Rice Consolidated Independent School District; and
- Changed the holiday schedule to allow employees to trade the Veterans Day holiday for the day after Thanksgiving.



Newly added Eagle Lake Police Department Auxiliary Officers Jack Knox and Steve Allan Hassin pose with Police Chief A.E. "Buck" Hall after they were approved by City Council last week. They will replace Officers Keith Norman and Sandra Davis on the auxiliary roster.



New County Attorney

Monday morning at 9:00 a.m., J. Julian Moore was sworn in by County Judge H.O. (Butch) Strunk to replace Stephen Sebesta as Colorado County Attorney until the Nov. 8 election. Pictured from left his wife, Lori Kaye Moore; his daughter, Rachael Jillian; Moore; his son, Julian Austin; and his mother, Mrs. Thelma Moore. Headlight Photo by Carol Cardenas

Eagle Lake bank gets a new name

The former First Heights Bank in Eagle Lake is one of nine First Heights branches recently purchased by Channelview Bank, Prime Bank Chairman Fred M. Saunders announced Oct. 3. The acquisition has created one of the largest independent banking organizations in the state.

Prime Bank is a wholly owned subsidiary of Prime Bancshares Inc.

The local bank's new name is Prime Bank in Eagle Lake. It is one of 18 Prime Bank locations serving customers in the Gulf Coast, San Antonio and East Texas areas.

Others in the area include Beaumont, Brenham, Channelview, Hempstead, Huffman, Magnolia, Nederland, New Caney, Waller, Wallis and five in Houston.

E.J. Guzzo, president and chief executive officer of Prime Bank, commented, "The addition of these new customers, service locations and personnel strengthens virtually every facet of our operations."

Eagle Lake and the other 17 locations are celebrating their name change to Prime Bank with an open house Oct. 3-7 during business hours.

Activities include the Perfect Fit Sweepstakes with new 45 inch and 25 inch televisions to be awarded to 18 winning bank customers.

Tennessee employees have 3 million safe hours

Employees of Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company's East Bernard operating district have passed a landmark safety milestone. They have worked more than three million hours without a lost-time injury.

The district's last lost-time injury occurred in Aug. 1960. Since then, employees from District 17 have won 12 major safety awards including three Gardiner Symonds Awards for safety working a million hours without a lost-time injury. The award is named for the company's founder and

first chairman.

To put this unique feat in perspective, Aug. 1960 was when John Wayne was starring in "The Alamo" and Richard Nixon and John F. Kennedy were preparing for the first televised presidential debates.

Dana Mead, Tennessee chairman and chief executive officer, presented the award to Area Superintendent Jay



Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company employees of District 17 in East Bernard show off their third Gardiner Symonds trophy for safely working more than three million hours without a lost-time injury. From the left are Location Safety Coordinator Rusty Greger, Tennessee Chairman Dana Mead, Area Superintendent Jay Street and Area Foreman Jim Smith. Photo by Carol Cardenas, Tennessee Gas

Dear Fellow Citizens of Colorado County,

You are cordially invited to attend a

Campaign Drive Party

being held for

VINCE SLOMINSKI

Candidate for County Judge

Tuesday, October 4, 1994

from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Columbus, Texas.

Food and refreshments will be provided by friends and supporters of Vince SLOMINSKI.

We look forward to seeing you and your support is greatly appreciated!

Political advertisement paid for by Vince SLOMINSKI Campaign, Carol SLOMINSKI, Treasurer, 1225 Boone, Columbus, Texas 76904.