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1995 Chevy Corsica White, Factory Warranty!	\$10,595.00	
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1991 Cadillac DeVille	\$14,995.00	
1990 Cadillac Brougham d'Elegance Incredible Value!	\$10,495.00	
1989 Chevy Corsica LT V-6, Good Shape!	\$3,995.00	
1984 Chevy Suburban Diesel, Clean Unit!	\$3,995.00	

TRUCKS...	List Price	Payment*
1993 Chevy Extended Cab Silverado Pickup 350 V-8!	\$13,895.00	
1993 Ford Explorer XLT 43,000 Miles!	\$15,950.00	
1993 Chevy S-10 Blazer Beautiful Maroon!	\$12,695.00	
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## School board

turn to a regular classroom setting without disrupting that setting.

The Rice Consolidated Education Agency as a model program to be evaluated in April.

"They will learn from us and we

will learn from them," said Saha.

A special meeting was called for 9 a.m. Jan. 16 for the evaluation of Superintendent Dr. Richard Gott.

The planning and decision-making process of the District Improvement Plan was approved. The District

committee will be composed of 16 members who represent teachers, district level professional staff, parents, businesses and community.

The campus-level committee shall consist of 14 members made up of the same representation as the district committee who assist the principal in site-based decision making.

## Mill

Randy Jurek is the chief operator in charge of overall maintenance as well as the rough rice section. Ralph "Cowboy" Hines and Robert Black are operators.

The mill has 15 employees, including four part time, and runs two shifts a day.

The Paynes handle the buying and selling of the rough and milled rice. The by-product is handled by Brown.

During 1995, the milling section was completed and started milling at about 50% capacity, mainly for test purposes. With sale contracts already in place, the plant will be in full production this month, according to Payne.

Since the bagging facilities at the mill will not be ready for a few weeks, GSI is currently shipping in bulk. Sale of the by-product to local feed mills has already begun.

The Paynes extended thanks to the following lending and financial institutions for assisting in financial matters: AT&T Small Business Lending Corp., Wallis State Bank and Citizens National Bank of Texas.

In the near future, the Paynes plan to hold an open house. The time and date will be announced at a later date.

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Upon arrival, the subject was asked to leave the premises.

On Jan. 7 at 3:25 p.m., Sgt. Knox was dispatched to 405 FM 3013 in reference to criminal mischief. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.

On Jan. 8 at 12 p.m., Chief Webb met with a complainant at the police department in reference to a theft. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.

Officer Risk was dispatched to a report of an assault on Jan. 8 at 5:20 p.m. Upon investigation, it was learned that the assault occurred in the county. The case was turned over to the Sheriff's Department.

Monthly summary

The Dec. 1995 summary for the Eagle Lake Police Department lists 129 calls answered: 76 miscellaneous, 15 disturbances, 11 thefts, nine accidents, seven assaults, six burglaries and five criminal mischiefs.

Officers investigated 33 criminal cases, cleared 35 and made 24 arrests (21 misdemeanor and three felony).

They issued 73 citations and 90 warnings.

Officer Risk and Duc Do executed a warrant on Jan. 6 at 11:40 p.m. on Larry Soia. After processing, he was transported to CCDC for confinement.

Sgt. Knox was dispatched to a report of a suspicious person at 100 Boothe Drive on Jan. 6 at 12:21 a.m.

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## Smiths' present plaque to fair association

The T.J. Smith family recently presented a plaque to the Colorado County Fair Association in memory of their wife and mother, Loraine.

Loraine supported the fair, mainly due to its emphasis on youth and family, and in support of T.J. during his years as president.

The plaque allows for inscriptions of those who have served in the president's office and those who will serve in the future. Inscription now reads: Wm. H. Harrison Jr., 1980; Dr. L.T.

Baron, 1981-82; T.J. Smith 1983-87; Lyndy Appel, 1988-92; Jerry Henke, 1993 - present president.

The plaque which will recognize those who have given distinguished leadership will hang on the wall of the Fair Association's first office which will become a reality in the near future.

The Colorado County Ag Complex Board of Directors has signed a contract to purchase 75 acres from the Schulenburg estate located on the

northwest side of the junction of the Hwy. 71 Bypass and Hwy. 90.

This purchase will serve as a site for the Colorado County Fair and other agriculture-related events.

The Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corp., funded by the passage of an additional half-cent sales tax by the City of Columbus, is planning to purchase and develop an additional 209 acres for an industrial park.

## Commissioners breeze through routine agenda

Colorado County Commissioners' Court breezed through some routine agenda items in its first meeting of 1996 on Monday.

The Court approved a bid in the amount \$13,790, plus applicable taxes and fees, from Columbus Ford-Mercury Inc. for a 1996 1/2-ton pickup for Precinct 2.

The only other bid submitted came from Brasher Motor Co. of Weimar in the amount of \$14,977.

In another bid item, the Court awarded the bids for fuel for all precincts, as well as the sheriff's department, to two companies, Hoelscher Oil of Columbus and Seifert Oil of Weimar.

In other business, the Court: Received notification that the bridge on County Road 201 at Harvey Creek in Precinct 2 was complete.

Approved a one-year contract with Victoria County for detention of juvenile offenders for \$80 per day and residential services at \$83 per day.

Approved membership dues in the amount of \$955 to the Texas Association of Counties.

Adopted an order to set the salaries of all office deputies and employees, as well as expense allowances for county officials for mileage while using personal vehicles on county-related business.

Adopted an order to authorize budget expenditures for various offices and organizations in the County.

Approved Patsy Gray of Columbus, Josephine Montemayor of Eagle Lake and Mary Nelson to the Grievance Committee with Eduardo Hernandez of Columbus and Charlotte Barton and Perry Kloess, both of Weimar, as alternates.

Set the pay for grand and petit jurors at \$12 per day for showing up and \$20 per day for serving; and

Voled Precinct 2 Commissioner Johnnie Elster as county judge pro tem for 1996.

The Ag Complex board has secured an engineer to make a feasibility study of the 284 acre tract as to its suitability for an ag complex, fairgrounds and industrial complex.

Engineer John Mercer was given a Feb. 1 deadline for completing the study that will include boundaries, elevation, useable land, flood plain information, highway access and necessary utilities.

The Ag Complex board will be working with Southwestern Gas, Southern Pacific, CPL, LCRA, San Bernard Electric, Texas Department of Transportation, the City of Columbus and any other entities necessary for the development and completion of the Ag Complex and a home for the Colorado County Fair.

Directors of the Ag Complex include Henry Bekem, Kenneth Brune, Leon Dittmar Jr., William H. Harrison Jr., Billy R. Krenke, T.J. Smith and James Whitcomb.

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## HLS&R announces star-studded line up

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo officials announced a phenomenal star line-up featuring 24 top-notch entertainers for the 1996 event.

Each of the 20 rodeo performances features PRCA rodeo action, the world's largest calf scramble, chuck wagon races and concert entertainment.

Kicking off the incredible line-up at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 16, is Vince Gill. On Saturday, Feb. 17, at 11 a.m. (Colorado County Day) the Rodeo welcomes Travis Tritt and Rick Trevino. Clay Walker headlines the 7 p.m. performance Feb. 17.

The first Sunday twilight performance at 4 p.m. on Feb. 18 features Wynonna.

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# Eagle Lake Headlight

## Citizens unhappy with inequities in cable service

By Lynda Appel  
Contributing Writer

Eagle Lake City Council was made aware of inequality in the cable TV service provided by TCI Cablevision to Eagle Lake and Columbus during last week's meeting.

Citizens Michael Cooper, Grace Cooper, Vic Scott and Elmer Struss presented Council with a survey containing some 150 names requesting an expansion to the number of channels that can be received in Eagle Lake.

The survey listed the channels those citizens would like to receive.

A lengthy discussion with Bill Beresky, local TCI manager, revealed that the Columbus system was rebuilt in 1992, which allows for more channels due to extended band width.

Cooper told Council that he was speaking about equity.

"Are we a second rate community that doesn't deserve the same service? If we do deserve it, why don't we have it?" said Cooper.

Struss referred to Eagle Lake as being treated like a "stepchild" in comparing the services of the two communities.

Beresky explained that Eagle Lake is pretty much channel-locked due to band width. According to Beresky, Eagle Lake's market and growth is not large enough for a rebuild. He told the group his budget includes an "upgrade" of the system every year but it always seems to get cut out.

Eagle Lake has approximately 800 subscribers. Columbus has between 1,600 and 1,800.

"The capital dollars are going to the larger market," said Beresky.

According to Beresky, the officials who approve the budget consider every capital project must have a five-year payback to be approved.

Beresky also told the group his plans are to attempt to get some of the large market equipment as they upgrade to help Eagle Lake upgrade.

Eagle Lake presently has two open channel spaces left in its system.

Beresky explained that the Learning Channel is being launched in Feb. "Eagle Lake is presently channel-locked, but I am currently looking at all the ways we can upgrade without a total rebuild as we did