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PJs summer program ends... The PJs ended their summer program on a bright and happy note. They are just a few participants, from left, LaToya and Shadée Sims, Mindy Moulder, Jennifer Hassin and Lindsay Thomas. A great big reminder that auditions

Bennett to lead Raider Band... Kara Bennett, a junior at Rice High School this year, was selected drum major for the Mighty Raider Band earlier this summer. Kara is the daughter of proud parents, Jimmy and Sarah Perry of Garwood. After try-outs in early June, Kara attended Stephen F. Austin University



'Strutters' attend camp... Members of the Super Strutters, coached by Becky Moulder, attended a camp at Texas Lutheran College last month. Pictured above, in front, from left, are Megan Staff, Lana Engstrom, Amber Mahallie and Shelley Boenisch. In the back row are Kinsey Hoffman, Jenna Hoffman, Stacy Schneider, Tanya Maty and Brandy Meltzer.

Fall Leagues Now Forming at SEALY BOWL 2009 Hwy. 90-W, Sealy... Sign Up with a Team or as an Individual! Call 885-7794 for more information or to sign up for the fun! See You On The Lanes!

Newsbriefs Continued from Page 1 Learn about posture, lifting and exercise... Senior Friends will learn about proper posture, lifting and simple exercises from Columbia Gulf Coast Medical Center's Director of Physical Therapy James Spano next Wednesday, Aug. 21, at 2:15 p.m. in the classrooms at CGCMC. RSVP to Sherri Ziegenhals at 282-6808.

Fink Continued from Page 1... Although Kyle was covered by medical insurance, the uninsured portion of the medical expenses and other costs are certain to be substantial. At this time, Bill Harrison Jr. and I will oversee payments from this fund. Anyone wishing to contribute may send their contributions to the Kyle Fink Fund, The First National Bank of Eagle Lake, P.O. Drawer 247, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434; or you may make deposits through any teller at the bank.

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Colorado County Fair Trail Ride & Kick-Off Dance... Featuring BROKEN PROMISE with Michael Koehl Saturday Aug. 17 Veterans Community Center Building 1349 Walnut • Columbus Social Hour: 7 to 8 Dance 8:30 to 12:30 Admission \$5 Trail Ride Information Contact David Helscher • 409-263-5041 For More Information Columbus Chamber of Commerce • 409-732-8385

RDCH employees to host 'Harvest Ball'... The Rice District Community Hospital Employee Volunteers for Hospital Improvement (formerly the Employee Trust Fund) will hold a Harvest Ball on Saturday, Sept. 28, in the Eagle Lake Community Center. Music will be provided by Vermillion. The event is semi-formal. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., dinner will be served at 7 with the dance going from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per couple and may be purchased from any hospital employee. Or, you may drop by the hospital to make your purchase. The ticket includes both the dinner and dance as well as a chance to win a prize. A silent auction is also (See Ball, Page 8)

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NEWSBRIEFS

Piano, violin concert set for Friday... Colorado County Habitat for Humanity (CCHFH) is proud to present on Friday, Aug. 23, 1996, at 7 p.m. at the Eagle Lake United Methodist Church in Eagle Lake, a beautiful and exciting evening of piano and violin music. Charles, a professional concert pianist, and his wife, Kristin, is a professional violinist have won national and international competitions, delighting audiences around the world. The concert is free with donations being accepted benefiting CCHFH, a local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity whose goal is to abolish poverty housing in Colorado County and throughout the world. Don't miss this rare opportunity! For more information, call 1-800-243-5369.

White Cloud Baptist to hold garage sale... White Cloud Baptist Church will sponsor a garage sale this Saturday, Aug. 24, beginning at 9 a.m. at 510 East C Street. The sale will benefit the White Cloud Baptist Church building fund; Rev. Obie Rhodes, pastor. ESL classes to register Sept. 3... Adult ESL (English as a second language) classes will hold registration Tuesday, Sept. 3, at Andrew Hall from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The classes will be held at the same location.

Spaghetti dinner, bake sale planned... The United Methodist Church, My Friends House Pre-School & Day Care, is sponsoring a spaghetti supper and bake sale this Thursday, Aug. 22. A drive thru will be located at the back of the church from 5 to 7 p.m. Ticket are \$5; prices for baked goods will vary. There will also be a pre-school open house from 6 to 7 p.m. Parents, come pick up your supper and visit with the teachers. Grandparents Day Luncheon... In honor of National Grandparents Day, the National Organization of Senior Friends will host a Grandparents Day Luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 5, in the classrooms of Columbia Gulf Coast Medical Center beginning at 11:30 a.m. Please note the date change! Bring your favorite covered dish and enjoy fellowship and fun. Call 282-6808 with your dish information.

1997 Barrow validation deadline set... Last year, the Houston and San Antonio Livestock Shows implemented a validation program for their respective barrow shows. The validation will once again be used for both shows. Any Colorado County 4-H or FFA member planning to exhibit a hog in either show will need to validate their hog through the county committee. Validation tags must be ordered by Sept. 1. You may order them by contacting Brad Lux at Columbus High School, 409-732-5746. The cost of the tags is \$2.50 each. Antique farm equipment show coming up... The Sharecroppers Antique Farm Equipment Club of La Grange will sponsor a show of antique tractors, engines and farm equipment in conjunction with the Fayette County Fair at the fair grounds north of La Grange on Aug. 29, 30, 31 and Sept. 1. Anyone interested in showing their equipment is invited to participate. For more information, call 409-247-4344.

Centennial celebration set for Nordheim... A Centennial celebration for the City of Nordheim and Nordheim Independent School District will be held on Saturday, June 14, 1997, at Nordheim Shooting Club Hall. Everyone who was or is now affiliated with the Nordheim schools is invited. If Ms. Mokry doesn't have your address from the 1986-90-94 reunions or there's been a change, send it to Manona Mokry, 4010 Bahama Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78411-4527. Providence Baptist Church to celebrate... The pastor, officers and members of Providence Baptist Church, 1207 E. State Street, Eagle Lake, invite you to share in the Worship Services celebrating the church anniversary, homecoming and ground breaking for their new church on Sunday, Sept. 1, at 3 p.m. Reverend C.L. Wallace, Pastor of Mother Zion Baptist Church in Wharton will be the guest speaker. Rev. Coby Shorter Jr. is pastor at Providence. Girl Scout registration rally is Aug. 27... On Tuesday, Aug. 27, a Girl Scout Registration Rally will be held at the Methodist Church at 7 p.m. All girls, ages kindergarten through 12, are invited, along with a parent or guardian. Call Margaret Hefner, 234-5918.

'What medicare doesn't pay for' talk is Aug. 29... "What medicare doesn't pay for... but you do?" Senior Friends will host this informational seminar on Thursday, Aug. 29, beginning at 2 p.m. in the classrooms at Columbia Gulf Coast Medical Center. Guy Schwartz with Senior Benefits of Texas will be the guest speaker. RSVP to Sherri Ziegenhals at 282-6808. Door prizes will be given! Sheriff Scout registration rally is Aug. 27... On Tuesday, Aug. 27, a Girl Scout Registration Rally will be held at the Methodist Church at 7 p.m. All girls, ages kindergarten through 12, are invited, along with a parent or guardian. Call Margaret Hefner, 234-5918.

Beef checkoff program to be broadcast... A special Town Hall Meeting on the beef checkoff program will be broadcast on the Farm Bureau satellite network today, Thursday, Aug. 22. The Texas Beef Council is sponsoring the live program which airs from 7 to 9 p.m. The Colorado County Farm Bureau office in Columbus is serving as a viewing site for interested producers. Home satellite dish owners can tune-in to the program on Galaxy 9 (c-band), channel 1, 3720 MHz (vertical). Interested producers may contact the CCFB office, 409-732-2383, to ask about seating. (See Newsbriefs, Page 8)

Sheriff's deputies break up teen drinking party

On Friday Aug. 16, at approximately 10:30 p.m., Colorado County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the Skull Creek Bridge on County Road 103, south of Columbus, after receiving a complaint from a resident concerning several juveniles at the location creating a disturbance. When deputies arrived, seven vehicles were parked along the public roadway and 23 subjects were observed at the location. Several beer cans and beer bottles were seen in and around the vehicles. Numerous beer containers and packaging littered the roadway. A strong odor of burnt marijuana was also detected, according to the report. Upon further investigation, deputies found beer iced down in coolers along with wine and liquor. A large zip-lock bag containing four pre-packaged, quarter ounce bags of marijuana was also found at the location. The majority of the subjects present were minors and issued citations for minor in possession. The following subjects were cited: Trey Scott, 17 years of age; Nick You-

Chief Webb was notified of a subject at City Hall on Aug. 19 who had outstanding warrants. When it was found that the subject, Dennis James George of Houston, was unable to pay fines associated with the warrants, he was arrested, processed at the police department, then transported to CCDC for confinement. A new plumbing ordinance for the City of Eagle Lake was adopted at last week's Council meeting. After several months of discussion and redrafts, the new ordinance that repeats the one adopted Sept. 28, 1991, allows property owners to do plumbing work on their own property and "grandfathers" the requirement for obtaining a master plumber license for journeyman plumbers currently working in the City as of the effective date of the ordinance. All other plumbers must obtain a permit with a master plumber license. According to state law, cities under 5,000 population have the option on master plumber license requirements. A city with over 5,000 population is required to demand master plumber status for all plumbers. Council delayed setting a tax rate for 1996 at the suggestion of Council Member René Cooper-Scott. She felt more time was needed to study the four options presented to Council by City Manager Ron Holland. The tax base for Eagle Lake is up \$2,156,655 from 1995. Last year's tax rate of \$3.9736 per \$100 valuation generated \$320,391 income with a tax base of \$59,525,427. This year's budget for the City, set in March using an estimated tax base of \$59,337,007, resulted in Council setting a rate of \$3.6656 with estimated revenues of \$318,431. With the new base of \$62,141,082, the City only needs a tax rate of \$1.5586 to generate the same revenue as prior year. Since the budget for the City is required to be approved by April 1, the beginning of the fiscal year, and official information from the Colorado County Central Appraisal District is not received until Aug., Council must reconsider its tax rate each year. The appraisal district provides the City with three tax figures: 1) effective tax rate — the rate needed to raise the same amount of money as was received last year; 2) maximum rate — the maximum tax rate increase (3%) that can be imposed without a public notice and public hearing; and 3) rollback tax rate — the maximum tax increase (8%) that can be set without being subject to a rollback petition. The tax rate set in March of \$3.6656 per \$100 is above the 3% maximum rate, thus Council must either reset the tax levy below the 3% maximum, \$3.1044, or publish notice and hold a public hearing. Mayor David Mann and Holland recommended a new rate ordinance lowering the rate to \$3.6 which would generate \$10,916 more for this year's budget. Council has the choice of approving an effective tax rate of \$3.1044, a rollback rate of \$3.8934 or the tax rate recommended by Mann and Holland. The effective tax rate will generate \$320,387, the same as last year. The maximum rate will generate \$329,994; while the rollback rate will generate \$334,897. Holland told Council that the \$10,916 which would be added to the budget with a tax rate of \$3.6, will increase revenues enough next year to add another policeman and/or re-instructor. (See Council, Page 8)

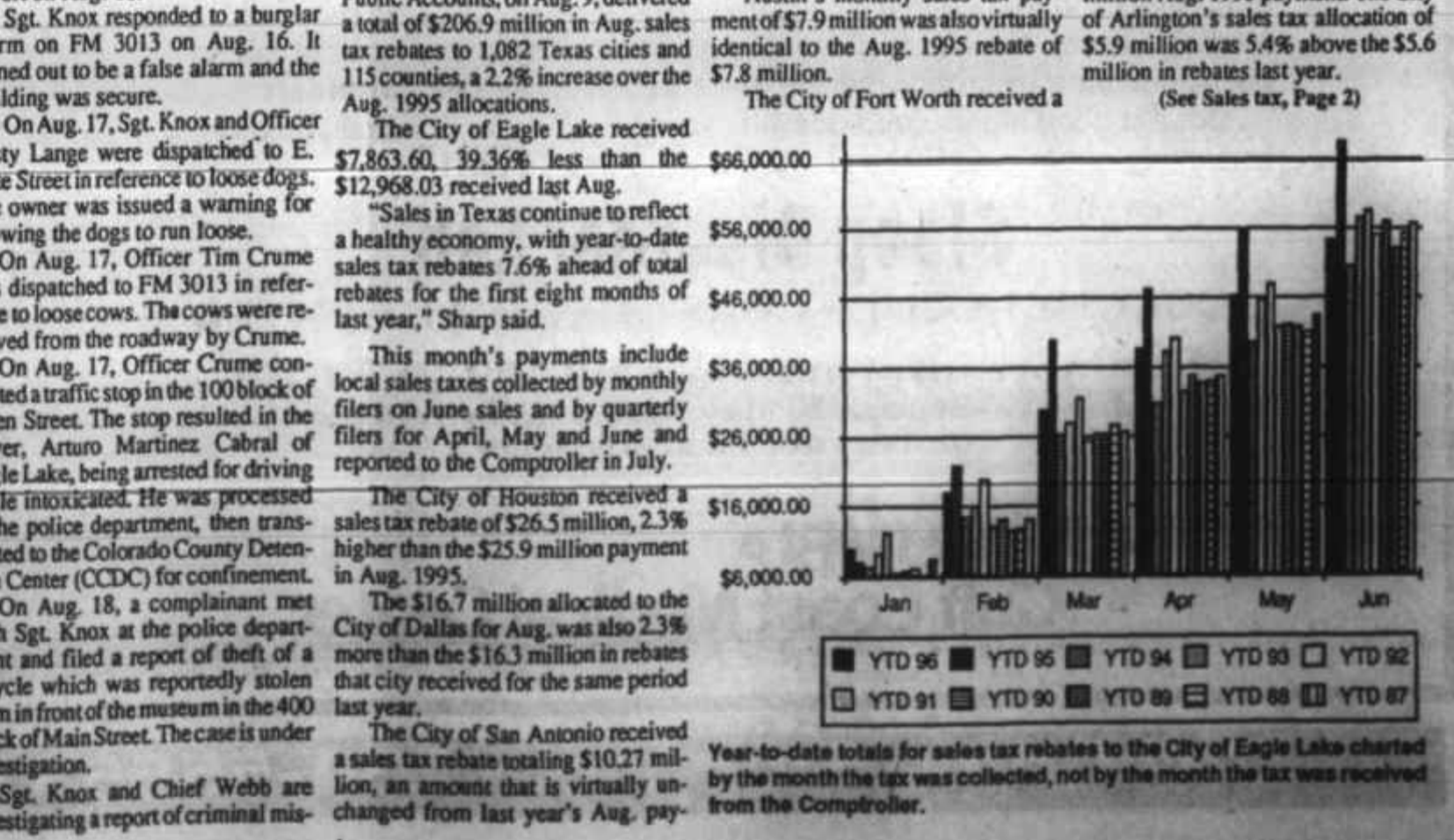
EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following cases and calls for the week ending Aug. 20. Officer Carl Risk met with a complainant on Aug. 13, who reported criminal mischief on the soft drink machine at the Vine of the Lord Church on E. State Street. A report was filed and the case is under investigation. Officers Brian Ochoa and Gary Gipson conducted a traffic stop on E. State Street and FM 3013 on Aug. 15. The stop resulted in a citation being issued to the passenger of the vehicle for minor in possession of alcoholic beverage. The driver was issued citations for failure to display driver's license and contributing alcohol to a minor. Lt. Clem Johnson was dispatched to a report of loud music on Stephens and State Street on Aug. 16. Loud music was located and the subject was advised to turn the music down. He complied and no other action was necessary. Two subjects arrived at the police department on Aug. 16 in reference to a civil dispute. Lt. Johnson and Chief Keith Webb helped the subjects settle their problem without incident. Lt. Johnson was dispatched to a transformer sparking on Murphy Street on Aug. 16. The fire was put out upon his arrival, but Central Power & Light was notified of the problem. Sgt. Jack Knox was dispatched to a possible disturbance on First Street on Aug. 16. Knox met with the complainant and advised that the situation was a civil matter. No action was taken. Chief Webb and Lt. Johnson assisted Dulany Funeral Home with an escort on Aug. 16. Sgt. Knox responded to a burglar alarm on FM 3013 on Aug. 16. It turned out to be a false alarm and the building was secure. On Aug. 17, Sgt. Knox and Officer Misty Lange were dispatched to E. State Street in reference to loose dogs. The owner was issued a warning for allowing the dogs to run loose. On Aug. 17, Officer Tim Crume was dispatched to FM 3013 in reference to loose cows. The cows were removed from the roadway by Crume. On Aug. 17, Officer Crume conducted a traffic stop in the 100 block of Allen Street. The stop resulted in the driver, Arturo Martinez Cabral of Eagle Lake, being arrested for driving while intoxicated. He was processed at the police department, then transported to the Colorado County Detention Center (CCDC) for confinement. On Aug. 18, a complainant met with Sgt. Knox at the police department and filed a report of theft of a bicycle which was reportedly stolen from a room of the museum in the 400 block of Main Street. The case is under investigation. Sgt. Knox and Chief Webb are investigating a report of criminal mis-

Wrap-up of County Commissioners' meeting

Colorado County Commissioners' Court conducted an executive session, which followed a 30-minute closed door meeting on Aug. 7, to discuss personnel. Involved in the meeting with the Commissioners were District Attorney W.C. "Bud" Kaykendall, Moore, Assistant County Attorney Joe Fling and Sheriff Bill Esterling. The Court did not issue a statement when it returned to open session and no action was taken on the closed meeting agenda item. In other business during their Aug. 12 meeting, the Court: • Received a U.S. Treasury check for \$23,707 as part of the revenue sharing funds from the Atwater Prairie Chicken National Refuge; • Adopted the sheriff's fees with any changes from the previous year; • Rescinded the contract with Es-

City's sales tax rebate continues decline



More Classified Ads Continued from Page 9 Real Estate TRULY PROPERTIES 129 N. McCarty 409-234-3776 HOUSES... N. LAKE: 2BR, 1BA, formal dining, frame w/iding, large lot w/whed and small bldg. CLARK STREET: 2BR, 1BA, brick, CACH. S. MCCARTY: 3BR, 2-1/2BA, large den w/replace, formal dining room, brick, 0.76 acres. E. STATE: Historical two-story, 4BR, 2BA, formal living & dining with fireplace, study, sitting room, hot tub area, large 3-car garage with bathroom; large lot. S. AUSTIN RD.: 3BR, 2BA, den, frame w/iding, CACH, 1.5 acres. AUSTIN RD.: 2BR, 1BA frame, 12 Acres. CLARK STREET: 2BR, 2BA, frame with CACH; corner lot w/replace. N. LAKE: 3BR, 2BA, frame w/replace bldg, large corner lot. NORRIS: 2BR, 2BA, formal living & dining room, den, frame Victorian on large lot w/replace barn. Priced reduced! W. MAIN: 3BR, 2BA, Sunroom; brick with large lot. PECAN VALLEY: 3BR, 1BA frame; approx. 2.910 acre w/ HARBERT AVE.: 32x66 Mobile home w/whed w/ing, 3BR, 2-1/2 BA, living room w/replace, den, one car garage & pole barn, 2+ ac. w/ large lot. LAUGHLIN RD.: 3BR, 2BA, den, office. Large house with approx. 2.7 acres. COMMERCIAL... E. MAIN STREET: 1.87 Acres commercial lot w/ HWY. 90A & FLEM FLORA ROAD. 1.87 Acres commercial tractage. W. DAVITT: Four one-bedroom apartments with CACH. brick street. Historical Ice House, 50'x80' bldg, w/ 4,000 ac. W. PRARIE: West Prairie Apts. (Former Methodist Church); 8 units; approx. 1 acre. GLEN FLORA ROAD: 1.3 acres with shop and mobile home. Alamo Trailer Park: Including 2 new homes & 2 mobile homes. E. MAIN ST.: 330 Foot lot; some improvements. E. MAIN: Former Santa Fe Depot; renovated into office space and two apts. Owner finance. Make an offer! E. MAIN: Former "Strack Corner", 1,800 sq. ft. fully equipped. N. LAKE: Chicks commercial property, 1,100 FL FM 3013 North. FOR SALE OR LEASE... US 90A former Delta Savings & Loan Building. THREE BUSINESS BLDGS. on Main St. Good location. Price negotiable. DOWN TOWN on E. MAIN: 37'x86' Building plus storage. INDUSTRIAL... 140 & FM 840 Intersection: 55 ac. w/ 5 bldgs. Excellent for manufacturing facility; building approx. 43,500 sq. ft. Formerly known as Well Tech. LOTS... DONOVAN ST.: 75'x180' HANLY ROAD: 147' x 157' Lot with 16'x20' shop. BALDREX DR.: 2.85 Acres; Owner finance. Make an offer! LAND... FM 3013 & Glen Flora Rd.: 2.180 acre industrial site. LAVACA COUNTY: W/replace, 5.2 acres & 11 acres, adjacent. Four tracts. Will owner finance or trade with replacement. POSTERCRANZ Hwy. Land: 37.8 acres, 808.75 acres, 434.387 acres, 154.40 acres and 129.535 acres. All near Eagle Lake. 277.86 Acres near Chastainville: Rice land, corner of FM 1000 and County Road 224. E. WATERS: 5-1/2 Acres across from airport, recently cleared. Owner finance: \$24,000. 36 Acres inside city, bldg FM 3013. 80 Acres rice land inside city, 25'x50' steel bldg, FM 3013 lot, w/ 18 slide into two tracts. 67 Acres south of Rock Island, wooded with tank, good hunting. SANDY BENDY 234-3925

Lee Briscoe & Associates Office Columbus Home 732-3847 Texas 732-3697 2BR, 1BA near downtown Eagle Lake. \$35,000. Nice weekend home on Lake Sheridan. 2-Story Home: 3BR, 2BA on 115x150 lot with shop and 1 bedroom apartment; on Cat Spring Road. Owner desires quick sale!

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Commissioners Continued from Page 1... Pct. 1 Commissioner Richard Seifer. "I didn't have input in that budget and nearly two-thirds of the training budget is already used," Jordan said. Jordan informed Commissioners that he needed a commitment now to begin planning for the EMAT-1 course and said that he had requested a grant from the Texas Department of Health to help fund the course. "It is possible that I might not even need the money. However, if grant funds are not available, I will need a commitment from you," said Jordan. When the course is offered, participants will have to sign a contract stating that if they leave Colorado County EMS they will be responsible for repaying the \$500 for the course. Jordan said he is currently working with County Attorney John Julian Moore to draft such a contract.