

# COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT



## COUNTY COURT DISPOSITIONS

**Oct. 5, 1999**  
 Glenda Apel, Fayetteville, theft by check (TBC) (reduced to issuance of bad check—Class C). Defendant pled guilty; ordered to pay court costs and restitution.  
 Jairo Martinez Grueve, Katy, failure to identify, 12-25-97 on I-10; investigated by Colorado County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Deputy J.R. Pavlicek. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$500, court costs and placed on one year probation.  
 James Ernesto Lara, Spring, possession of marijuana (PoM), 5-30-99 on U.S. 90; investigated by CCSO Deputy C. Zermeno. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$500, court costs and placed on one year deferred adjudication.  
 Kenneth Ray Holloway, Eagle Lake, evading arrest, 3-31-99 in Eagle Lake; investigated by Eagle Lake Police Department (ELPD) Officer Stephen Nelson. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$500 and court costs; credit for time served.  
 Latassia Renae Pratt, Columbus, making alcohol available to a minor, 8-13-99 in Columbus; investigated by Columbus Police Department (CPD) Officer Prejean. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$250, court costs and placed on six months deferred adjudication.

one year probation. Defendant placed on probation 11-10-98 for criminal trespassing. Defendant pled true to motion; sentenced to four months in CCDC.  
 Willie Parker, Eagle Lake, DWI, 4-18-98 in Eagle Lake; investigated by ELPD Officer Tim Crume. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$600, court costs and placed on one year probation. Case No. 14,365 (DWLS) was dismissed upon plea in this case.  
 Edward Charles Ellis, Houston, DWI, 5-25-99 on I-10; investigated by DPS Trooper R. Holub. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$500, court costs and placed on one year probation. Case No. 14,195 (making alcohol available to a minor) was dismissed upon plea in this case.  
 Cheryl Alberthal, La Grange TBC (reduced to issuance of bad check—Class C). Defendant pled guilty; ordered to pay court costs and restitution.  
 Steven Deon Grant, Eagle Lake, PoM, 5-13-99 in Eagle Lake; investigated by CCSO Deputy Zermeno. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$500, court costs and placed on nine months probation.  
 Leon Richard Krueger, New Ulm, DWI, 5-12-99 on FM 1291; investigated by CCSO Deputy T.A. Ashom. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$750, court costs and placed on one year probation.

Jose Rolando Rodriguez, Weimar, terrorist threat, 5-9-99 in Weimar; investigated by CCSO Deputy B. Hoskins. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$500, court costs and placed on one year probation.  
 Lorena Ebarra, Columbus, terroristic threat, 4-26-99 in Columbus; investigated by CPD Officer K. Thompson. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$750, court costs and placed on six months deferred adjudication. Case 14,905 (resisting arrest) and 14,904 (assault) were dismissed upon plea in this case.  
 Steven Garamillo, Columbus, making alcohol available to a minor, 9-22-98 in Columbus; investigated by CCSO Deputy C. Schmidt. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$250, court costs and placed on three months deferred adjudication.  
 Miguel Galindo Jr., Batesville, PoM, 4-27-99 on U.S. 90; investigated by CCSO Deputy Lacourse. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$750 and court costs.  
 Isidro Gutierrez, Sheridan, PoM, 6-19-99 on I-10; investigated by DPS Trooper Korenek. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$750 and court costs.  
 Michael Ray Lowden, Houston, DWI, 5-11-99; investigated by DPS Trooper Owens. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$750, court costs and placed on one year probation.  
 Johnny Wayne Smitheman, Katy, resisting arrest, 5-28-99 on FM 2434; investigated by CCSO Deputy Pavlicek. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$750, court costs and placed on

**DISTRICT COURT CASES FILED**  
 State of Texas vs \$705 in US Currency; filed 10-13-99.  
 Babette Barton vs Laura Priddy, damages; 10-18-99.

**DISTRICT COURT DISPOSITIONS**  
 James Kenneth Jobe, attempted murder reduced to Class A assault, misdemeanor, 11-23-98. Sentenced to one year jail probation for two years probation, \$2000 fine (\$1,500 probated), 160 hours community service, court costs.  
 Like Sue Wenske, forgery of a financial instrument, 8-14-97. Probation extended for one year.  
 Richard Wesley Aue, on probation for forgery by passing. Violated conditions of probation; sentenced to eight years in TDC.  
 Christopher Ray Lahman, on probation for assault. Violated conditions of probation; sentenced to three years in TDC.  
 Christopher Ray Lahman, credit card abuse. Sentenced to 24 months TDC to run concurrent with three year sentence.  
 Hubert Lee Jr., on probation for possession of a controlled substance. Violated conditions of probation; sentenced to two years in TDC.  
 Brian O'Neil Shorter, on probation for aggravated sexual assault. Violated conditions of probation; sentenced to eight years in TDC.  
 James Russell Scott, on probation for delivery of a controlled substance. Violated conditions of probation; sentenced to one year in a state jail facility.

**DIVORCES FILED**  
 Roque Torres and Martha Vasquez Torres; 10-12-99.  
 Jose Rodriguez and Teresa Maria Rodriguez; 10-18-99.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS**  
 Lawrence Field Lippman and Esta Rae Kerr; 10-12-99.  
 Thomas Allen Jax and Brenda McKeon; 10-12-99.  
 Karl Raven Weiss and Adelle Carol Boyer; 10-14-99.  
 Richard Joe Spates and Alana Nicole Johnson; 10-15-99.  
 Philip Ramirez and Ann Marie Sosa; 10-18-99.

**Oct. 6, 1999**  
 Matthew Allen Whitley, Columbus, motion to revoke probation. Defendant placed on probation 2-9-99 for assault. Defendant pled true to motion; sentenced to 135 days in jail. Cases 14,788 (evading arrest), 14,778 (possession of marijuana) and 14,903 (possession of marijuana) were dismissed as condition of plea.  
 Kenneth Wayne Izard, Houston, driving while intoxicated (DWI), 3-21-99; investigated by Department of Public Safety (DPS) Trooper A. Owens. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$750, court costs and placed on one year probation.  
 Keith Alan Wagstaff, San Antonio, reckless driving, 4-11-99 on I-10; investigated by Weimar Police Department Officer B. Felts. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$200, court costs and placed on one year deferred adjudication.  
 Jack Raymond Garza, Sheridan, terroristic threat, 10-15-98 in Sheridan; investigated by CCSO Deputy R. Lacourse. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$1,000 (\$900 probated on successful completion of Anger Management Classes), court costs and placed on six months deferred adjudication.  
 Jeremy Alan Martin, Columbus, criminal trespassing, 5-20-99 in Columbus; investigated by CPD Officer Thomas Ramirez. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$250, court costs, three days in jail with credit for time served.  
 Joseph Wayne Sharp, Columbus, DWI, 4-26-99 on U.S. 90 west; investigated by DPS Trooper R. Korenek. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$500, court costs and placed on one year probation.  
 Carl Pesnell, Eagle Lake, unlawfully carrying a weapon, 5-23-99 near Altair; investigated by DPS Trooper Korenek. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$1,000, court costs and placed on six months deferred adjudication.  
 John Earl Jackson, Bellville, driving while license suspended (DWLS), 4-14-99 on New Ulm Rd.; investigated by DPS Trooper J. Pickett. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$250, court costs and placed on six months deferred adjudication.

**Oct. 7, 1999**  
 Pamela Earls, Baytown, PoM, 8-27-99 on I-10; investigated by DPS Trooper Trojacek. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$500, court costs and placed on 90 days deferred adjudication.

**Oct. 12, 1999**  
 Lisa Gonzales, Austin, DWI-2, 4-26-96 on State Hwy. 71; investigated by DPS Trooper Pickett. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$1,000, court costs (credit for time served).  
 Omar Sheppard, Houston, DWLS, 5-20-96 on I-10; investigated by CCSO Deputy C. Peikert. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$250, court costs, three days in jail with credit for two.  
 Thomas Wayne Brown, Altair, motion to revoke probation. Defendant placed on probation 11-10-98 for terroristic threat. Defendant pled true to motion; sentenced to four months in Colorado County Detention Center (CCDC).  
 Thomas Wayne Brown, Altair, motion to revoke probation. Defendant placed on probation 11-10-98 for resisting arrest. Defendant pled true to motion; sentenced to four months in CCDC.  
 Thomas Wayne Brown, Altair, motion to revoke probation. Defendant placed on probation 11-10-98 for criminal mischief. Defendant pled true to motion; sentenced to four months in CCDC.  
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Registration was held in the St. Michael Family Life Center beginning at 8 a.m. The workshop opened with a prayer to the Holy Spirit led by Carolyn Malik, District Deputy #30, Shiner.  
 A welcome to Weimar was given by Sylvia Addicks, Regent, Court St. Michael #559 of Weimar.  
 Communications was read by Margaret Hilscher, District Deputy #34, Port Lavaca.  
 Dee Scheetz, Second Vice State Regent from Austin, conducted the opening presentations.  
 Since CDA is a group of Catholic women committed to God, together they attended the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Michael's Catholic Parish.

Following the Mass, duties of the various officers were presented by the following: Kathy Bertsch, District Deputy #11, Schulenburg; Cynthia Novak, Regent, Court Annunciation #1962, La Grange; Georgia Haas, District Deputy #12, Hallettsville;

Janie Rubio, Regent, Our Lady of Sorrows #2273, Victoria; Henrietta Jalowy, District Deputy #28, East Bernard; Carolyn Malik, and Beatriz Q. Gonzales, Treasurer, Our Lady of Sorrows #2273, Victoria.  
 Following a catered meal of roast and trimmings, the workshop reconvened with officers being trained in individual exercises.  
 Libby Ramirez, State CDA Regent, Victoria, addressed the membership and closed the workshop with a prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
 Sandra Genoway, State Quality of Life Chairman, and Jo Ann Bleier, State Nominating Committee Chairman and Area III Membership Chairman, both of Victoria, also attended the workshop.  
 Attending the workshop from Eagle Lake Court of Our Lady of the Fields #2465 was Regent Nancy Nelson.  
 Court of Our Lady of the Fields #2465 was instituted on Sunday, Aug. 8, 1999 in the Parish of the Nativity Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary. The Court consists of 50 charter members. The officers are Nancy Nelson, Regent; Deborah Politsch, Vice Regent; Betsy Glaiser, Treasurer; Sylvia Rucka, Recording Secretary; and Sharon Marsalia, Financial Secretary.

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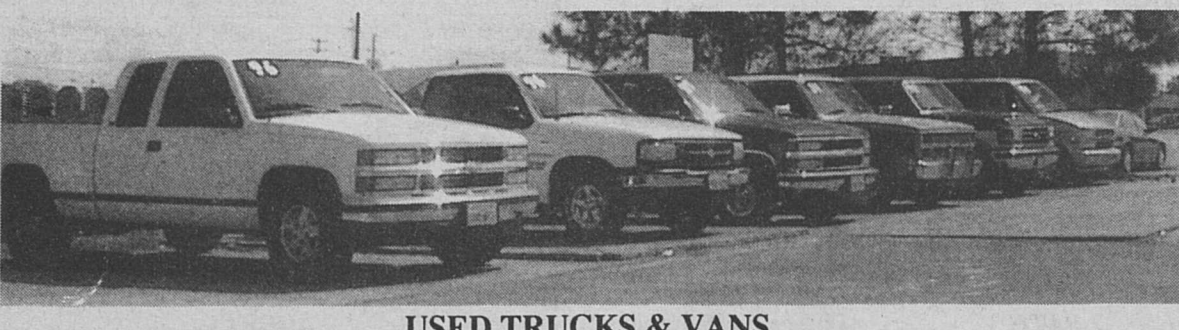
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1998 Buick LeSabre program car, 21K	only \$15,365	1997 Nissan Sentra one owner, loaded	only \$8,701
1998 Buick LeSabre program car, 34K	only \$14,283	1995 Buick LeSabre one owner, leather	only \$7,491
1998 Buick Century program car, 34K	only \$13,483	1994 Buick Estate Wagon loaded, leather	only \$7,999
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### USED TRUCKS & VANS

1997 Chevy Venture LS 26K, one owner	only \$16,963	1995 Chevy Blazer LS 4x4 A Steel	only \$12,991
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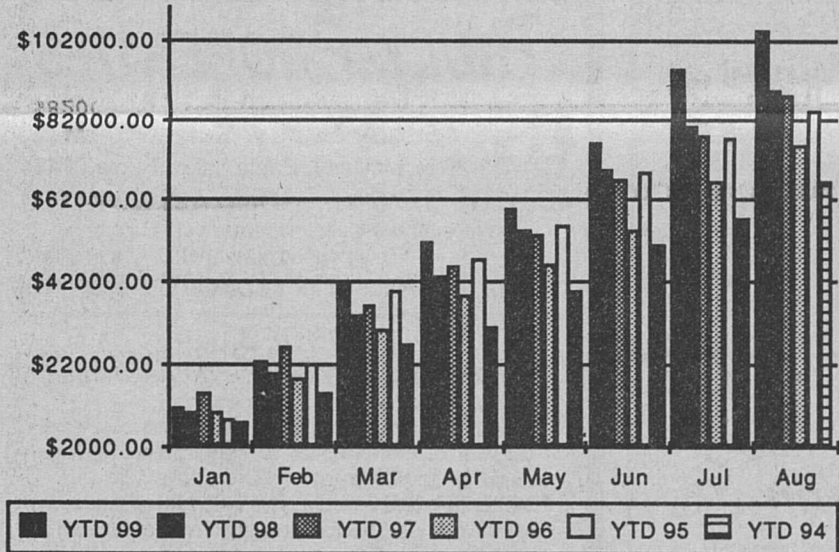
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## Rebates

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The year-to-date sales tax rebate totals for the City of Eagle Lake are charted against the month the tax was collected, not the month the rebate was received.

Year-to-date for the above cities and the change from last year are: Columbus, \$651,526.13, +6.82%; Weimar, \$110,867.59, +10.57%; Sealy, \$1,004,849.26, +5.02%; Bellville, \$316,127.82, +57.21%; El Campo, \$1,549,011.55, +8.06%; and Wharton, \$853,616.04, +0.69%.

On the county level, Colorado County received \$45,955.56, up 2.85% from last year's payment of \$44,680.27. Austin County received \$58,131.78, down 22.89%. Wharton County received \$105,680.60, up 21.74%.

Year-to-date figures for these Counties are, Colorado, \$534,022.24, up 9.61%; Austin, \$774,246.69, +1.76%; Wharton, \$1,074,708.46, +8.26%.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 5. The allocation will be made a week early, due to the Veterans Day holiday.

\*Bellville increased their portion from 1% to 1.5% in Oct. 1998, therefore, this is not an accurate comparison.

## Police

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At 6:40 a.m., Officer Lasley was advised of a theft in the 200 block of W. Post Office St. He met with the complainant and filed a report.

Officer Lasley met with a complainant in the 500 block of E. Main St. in reference to unwanted subjects on the property. Three subjects were issued criminal trespass warnings.

On Oct. 17 at 12:09 a.m., Officer Krenke and Sgt. Crume were dispatched to a fight in progress at 400 Beaks St.

While at the scene, at 12:16 a.m., officers were advised of a stab wound victim at Rice Medical Center. Officers gathered information and filed a report. Charges are pending while the case is being investigated.

At 3:47 a.m., Officer Krenke was dispatched to East C Street in reference to suspicious circumstances. Neither damage to property nor a suspect were found in the area.

Officer Nelson met with a complainant at 11:23 a.m. at Union and Cemetery Streets in reference to loose dog. The owner was located and issued a warning for violation of the loose dog ordinance.

At 1:15 p.m., Officer Nelson was dispatched to Clark St. in reference to loud music. A warning for loud music

was issued.  
 Sgt. Bill Lattimore and Officer LaWanda Alley were dispatched to a loud music complaint on Glen Flora Rd. at 8:18 p.m. Subjects apologized and turned the music down.

On Oct. 18 at 12:30 a.m., Sgt. Lattimore and Officer Alley checked suspicious circumstances in the railroad yard near S. Austin Rd. The track master was contacted and he felt that everything was okay.

At 12:40 p.m., Officer Nelson met with a complainant on W. Main St. in reference to a slashed tire. A report was filed.

Sgt. Lattimore and Officer Alley found a window at 10:35 p.m. in the 200 block of W. Prairie St. No signs of forced entry were found and the building was secure at ground level.

## Main Street

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The Texas Main Street Program has worked with more than 125 cities across the state, many of which are now popular visitor destinations. The program has stimulated more than \$578 million in private sector downtown reinvestment, helped retain, expand or recruit more than 4,200 businesses and has create more than 16,376 new jobs.

"The THC looks forward to assisting these new Main Street cities in the revitalization of their historic areas in the coming years," said THC Chairman John L. Nau III. "We have seen great success in many communities, both large and small, over the past 19 years. We believe that these three new cities will be among our most successful programs."

For more information on the Texas Main Street Program, please call 512-463-6092.

## 4-H begins fruit sales

Colorado County 4-H members are once again taking orders for fruit. This year, they will have the following selections available:

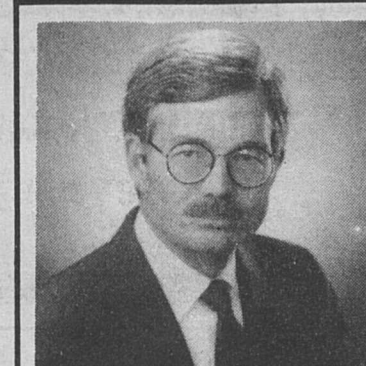
Mixed fruit: #1, 18 oranges, 18 apples, \$15; #2, 14 oranges, 12 apples, 10 pears, \$15; #3, eight grapefruit, 13 oranges, 10 apples, \$15; #4, six grapefruit, 12 oranges, eight apples, six pears, \$15.  
 Grapefruit: #5, 20 lbs. box, Rio Star, \$11.  
 Navel oranges: #6, 20 lb. box navels oranges, \$13.  
 Apples: #7, 18 lb. box, red deli-

ciou apples, \$16.  
 All orders must be placed and prepaid by Nov. 12.  
 To place an order, contact a local 4-H'er or call the County Extension Office at 409-732-2530.  
 The money raised will be used to provide educational programs.

Did You Know...  
 •During World War II, boxer Jack Dempsey was director of physical fitness for the Coast Guard.  
 •Close to two-thirds of the movies currently made in Hollywood receive an "R" rating.  
 •Before the continents as we know them today were formed, the Earth's land mass was joined in a single "super-continent" called Pangea.

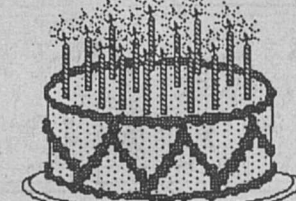
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RMC Classic would like to thank Taco Tony's for their contribution to the recent golf tournament. Their name was accidentally left off the list which was published last week. Those in charge of the tournament apologize for this oversight.

## Happy Birthday Michael J. Cooper, Jr.



Oct. 23, 1999

With Love,  
 Mike Sr., Terri, Travis,  
 Theresa, Joe, Juanisha,  
 Marcus, Ashley and Grandma

## Talk

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day, Oct. 25, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served and, due to limited seating, reservations are suggested.

For more information and/or reservations, contact Venetta Seals at 409-234-7372.

Bring a friends for this free presentation provided by RMC.