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County voters make changes with vote

The face of county government, on the one hand, took a major change due to Saturday's Democratic Primary election when county voters changed half the members on Commissioner's Court.

But on the other hand, those county officials who ran unopposed can take voice in the support they received, drawing more votes than any other candidates on the ballot.

The final analysis of voter sentiment in the Eagle Lake area Precinct 4 won't be known until the June 7th run off election when Leon "Sonny" Spaniel and Paul Causey will compete for the right to face Republican Bruce Johnson in the November general election. L.W. "Bill" Stiles placed third in Saturday's election, ending 28 years as the area's county commissioner.

There also will be a run off election for county clerk, but in county commissioner precinct 2 for the Weimar area, challenger H.O. "Butch" Strunk won his primary election without the need for a runoff. He has no Republican challenger this fall and thus will replace incumbent Rafael Veselka.

Darlene Hayek of Weimar had the most votes in the county clerk race, but her 600 vote margin from the home town folks wasn't enough to give her the

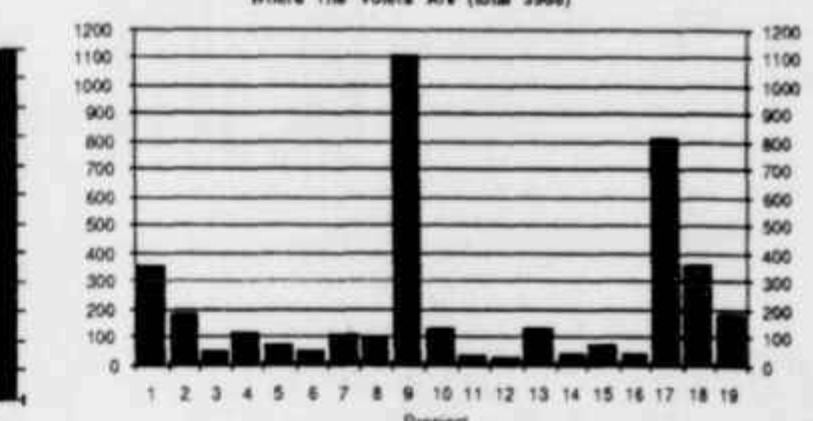
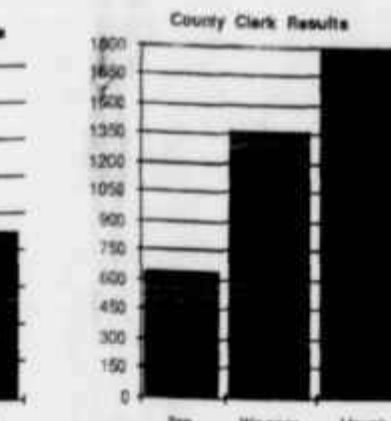
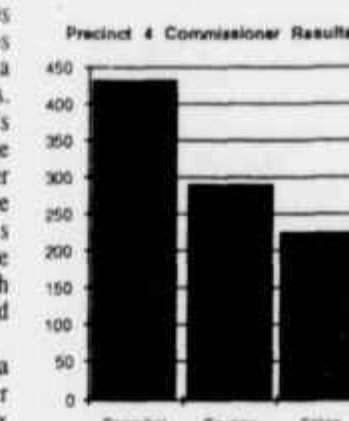
majority needed to avoid a runoff. She pulled a total of 1,781 votes and Richard Wagner of Columbus drew 1,363. Connie Ise was a distant third with 634 votes. Before the Weimar vote totals were turned into the courthouse (about 1 a.m. Sunday), Wagner was the leader, but in Weimar he drew only 179 votes to Hayek's 810 votes. Wagner also pulled the most votes in Eagle Lake with 343. Wagner had 222 here and Ise pulled 171.

For county treasurer, Juanita "Nita" Rinnick was the winner with 2,081 while Sharon Knox trailed with 1,249.

The other major race affecting Colorado County was the challenge faced by incumbent state representative Robert Saunders for his District 30 seat. He met the challenge also without a runoff by collecting more than 52 percent of the votes cast in the district. In Colorado County, Saunders gathered 1,875 votes, almost three times more than the very active challenger Dan Buie who had only 664 votes. Saunders pulled nearly twice as many votes as Colorado County Ed Janacka who had 983 in the county.

In the district, Janacka pulled 3,368 votes, Buie had 2,910 while Saunders coasted with 9,602 votes. Carey Boehel had 1,477 votes, and county surveyor Leonard Frank pulled 1,006.

County wide, about 40 percent



Complete election totals are included on pages 10 and 11 in this issue, but these graphs give you a quick picture of the voting patterns in Saturday's Democratic primary. Above left shows that Sonny Spaniel easily outdistanced Bill Stiles and Paul Causey, while the middle chart shows the county-wide voting for Colorado County Clerk. The graph on the right shows precinct-by-precinct how many voters went to the polls. Precinct 9 is the Weimar area, and Precinct 17 is Eagle Lake. Columbus voters are split into two

of the registered voters cast Democratic ballots. In Eagle Lake, there were 815 voters in the Democratic Primary, with somewhere near 2,000 voters registered. That also is in the 40 percent neighborhood. Tommy Pilkington was re-elected Democratic precinct 17 chairman, while Reggie Brisco was re-elected county Democratic chairman. County voters also expressed

their opinion on the state offices. Gov. Mark White was the top Democratic vote getter with 1,500 and voters elected Henry Webb of Eagle Lake as the county Republican chairman for next year. Republican precinct four county commissioner candidate Bruce Johnson drew 158 votes. Tuesday Brisco said the county Democratic Convention will be held at 10 a.m. May 17 in the county court room in Columbus.

Mark Anderson is the county Republican chairman this year, and voters elected Henry Webb of Eagle Lake as the county Republican chairman for next year. Republican precinct four county commissioner candidate Bruce Johnson drew 158 votes. Tuesday Brisco said the county Democratic Convention will be held at 10 a.m. May 17 in the county court room in Columbus.

Van Nort new president of Revitalize Eagle Lake, Inc.

Roy Van Nort was elected president of Revitalize Eagle Lake, Inc., at the non-profit organization's annual meeting last Tuesday, April 29. He replaced Paulette Klockman who has been president since she was instrumental in forming the group nearly four years ago.

Sandy Bandy was elected vice president; Liz Waddell was named secretary and John Matthews is the treasurer. Van Nort and Robert Klockman were re-elected to new three-year terms on the board.

Mrs. Klockman now will serve as an advisory member of the board and with agreement of the board will continue to serve as Revitalize's representative to the city-appointed industrial team.

Also at the meeting the board heard reports that show Revitalize Eagle Lake has been effective helping the community in almost all of the original concerns listed at organization meetings.

These include the re-opening of the swimming pool, establishment of a museum, AprilFest, Waterfowl Festival, city cleanup, earning the Governor's Community Achievement Award, square

beautification, low interest loan pool for exterior building improvements, and support for industrial development.

The success has been limited or non-existent in beautification of railroad right-of-ways, including the elimination of unsightly utility poles.

The board discussed applying again for the Governor's achievement award which now carries a \$10,000 prize for each winner.

"New ideas and suggestions are vital at this point," Mrs. Klockman said Tuesday.

Murder charged in Navarro shooting

A murder charge was filed last week against Barry Neal Woods, 30, of Eagle Lake, after Jose Daniel Navarro, 28, died about 10 hours after suffering three gunshot wounds on April 30.

Eagle Lake police said they were called to the 500 block of Stevens St. about 8:15 p.m. on April 30 to investigate a shooting. The police report said that when Chief Ben Johnson and officer Ernie Grimes arrived they found Navarro on the ground with at least three gunshot wounds. One shot was in the head.

Witnesses said a suspect had fled the scene. Johnson said he found Woods hiding in a barn on Fairview St. and arrested him as a suspect. A 22-caliber semi-automatic pistol was taken as evidence.

Woods then was taken to the Eagle Lake Police Department where Mary Ordner, Justice of the Peace in precinct 5, gave him his magistrate's warrant. After Navarro died in a Houston hospital the next morning about 6:30 a.m., police filed the murder charge. Bond was set at \$25,000.

Police did not release details surrounding the incident.

Another arrest was made on May 5 in a separate case. Calvin Wayne Tillman was arrested and charged with burglary of one residence. He was taken into custody at 11:30 a.m. Judge Mary Lou Szymanski set bond at \$3,000. Police said they are investigating three other residential burglaries in connection with this case.

Community Pool to open June 3; rates unchanged

The Eagle Lake community swimming pool, under the sponsorship of the Parks and Recreation Committee of Revitalize Eagle Lake, Inc., will open to the public on Tuesday, June 3.

There will not be a "free swim" day on Memorial Day this year since school still will be in session.

Prices will remain the same as in the past:

- One person, \$30 for the season.
- Two people, \$55.
- Three or more from the same family, \$75.

The daily rate for those who do not purchase season tickets will be \$2 per person.

On June 1 the season ticket prices will be \$10 higher, so buy now and save. Tickets will be available from Francis Struss at Struss Auto Supply, 234-2020.



Although the new Colorado Valley Transit system accepted its first rider last Thursday, Saturday was the day for official "start-up" ceremonies. Mike Duarte, serving as Mayor Pro-Tem, accepted the symbolic key to the system. From left are City Manager Robert Klockman, transit system secretary Ada Eben, Duarte, board member Sid MacAllister, and manager Vastine Olier. To arrange a ride on the system, call 732-MOVE, collect.

Public invited to attend library open house

The Eagle Lake Study Club has issued a public invitation to attend an open house at the Eula and David Winterman Library from 2 to 6 p.m. Friday, May 9.

Of special interest will be The Texas Collection, which the club has enlarged as its Sequimennial project. Refreshments will be served in the conference room.

A few tickets for the May 9 Study Club luncheon still are available at Gifts of Distinction, 115 McCarty. Ticket sales end at 5 p.m., May 8.

Heard, Wiese win honors at Area III FFA meeting

Richard Wiese was elected vice president of the Texas Area III FFA last Saturday at the area convention, Leslie Heard, District IV Sweetheart, was elected Area Sweetheart and will compete this summer at the state FFA convention in Amarillo.

Also attending the area convention as members and voting delegates were Daryl Pispervya, Stacey Causey, Phil Havar, Kevin Genz, Orlando Pratt, Tara Stephens and Duane Korenek.

"They should be commended for their time and support," FFA advisor Mike McMahon said.

Wiese was the District IV nominee for area president. He and five other candidates made their speeches before the convention audience and later was named to the vice president post for the 86-87 school year.

After the lunch break the sweetheart competition began. The six competitors were introduced, interviewed and asked one question each. Miss Heard won the title.

Columbus Teen named Miss Black Colorado County

Melissa Dillard, 17, of Columbus was named Miss Black Colorado County on Saturday night at the pageant held at the Eagle Lake Primary School. She is the daughter of Mrs. Jessie Alley.

First runner-up was Marsha Kuykendall, 18, of Eagle Lake, daughter of Minnie Kaykendall. Second runner-up was Terri Jackson, 17, of Columbus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis

Alecio Williams, 3, of Weimar, was honored as Little Miss Black Colorado County. She is the daughter of Debra Williams. First runner-up was Brandy Banks of Altair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robertson.

Second Runner Up was Hillary Thompson, age 2, daughter of Mr. Jackson, 17, of Columbus, and Mrs. Douglas Thompson of Columbus.

Little League season underway again

Long-time Eagle Lake Little League secretary Laurel Holden officially opened the baseball season here Saturday when she threw out the honorary first pitch. The day included the first games of the season, and the annual fund-raising barbecue.

More than 630 barbecue plates were sold bringing the little league association more than \$2,750 to support the youth activity. This year there are more players than ever participating in the sport.

At the opening ceremony, league president Clark Powers thanked the community for their support, especially the coaches, umpires and parents of players.

Powers said a coach still is needed for the 14-15 year-old Babe Ruth team. He may be contacted at home. Powers also

thanked Gary Glaeser and the barbecue crew for their hard work. He also thanked the Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus, the Ladies of the VFW auxiliary, and Jack and Elaine Droomgoole at The Grill for their donations.

Results of Saturday games were:

- Rangers 5 over the Mets 4.
- Rangers 4 over the Sox 0 in the Boys Minor League.

- Blue Bells 6 and Bumble Bees 3 in the Girls Minor League; Cubs 18 and Dodgers 4, and Pirates 11 over the Yanks 4 in the Boys Major League; Fillies beat the Honey Bees 11-5 and then beat the Red Sox 18-7 in the Girls Major League.
- In T-Ball, the Tigers beat the Panthers 22-4; Tigers beat the Cowpokes 29-4, and Cuts Bears beat the Eagles 18-17.

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PINT BASKET

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JUICY LARGE SIZE

Red Ripe Tomatoes

LB.

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Texas Magnum Cantaloupe

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NEW CROP

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EACH

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FRESH

Green Bell Peppers

TENDER CALIFORNIA

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Sweet Red Onions

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TENDER

Green Leaf Spinach

CREAMY RPE

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FIRM SWEET

Tender Texas Carrots

9 ASSORTED FLAVORS

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TV WHEAT

Sandwich Bread

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69¢

ASSORTED FLAVORS

California Wine Cooler

CITRUS, ORANGE OR TROPICAL

4 PK. 12 OZ. BTL.

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