NEXT WEEK: You may know the election winners but The Headlight will give you *graphic*, precinct-by-precinct results. Pick up a copy Wednesday afternoon.

THIS WEEK: Support Little League Baseball in Eagle Lake and enjoy Saturday's Opening Day Barbecue.

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THIS MONTH: The Community Calendar for May lists activities important to you. Save the Page and add your own dates.

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RHS Athletic Banquet tickets available for May 5th

Tickets for the annual Rice High School Athletic Banquet scheduled for next Monday evening (May 5th) are available at the Sheridan and Garwood schools, and at the Eagle Lake Headlight. The cost is $5 per person.

Speaker this year is Gordon Wood, former Athletic Director and Head Football Coach at Brownwood (Texas) High School. Known as one of the winningest coaches in Texas, RHS athletic director and football coach Clifton Darden said this year's banquet should be interesting and educational for those interested in the school's athletic programs.

Tickets for the 7::30 p.m. banquet and awards ceremony should be purchased by the end of this week.

Play Ball

LL Baseball gets underway Saturday; BBQ supports youth

Another season of Eagle Lake Little League baseball officially gets underway this Saturday at the Little League Field on Burns St. Games are scheduled all day and the third annual opening day ceremonies and barbecue beef dinner will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Clark Powers, little league president, said Tuesday that tickets for the meal still are available. They cost $3 for children 12 and under, and $4.50 for adults with proceeds helping fund the city-wide youth activity. Gary Glaiser again is in charge of the barbecue.

Carl Seaholm will be taking the team and individual pictures, and he may be contacted at 234-3433. Arrangements for pictures should be made in advance.

The barbecue will feature plates of food to eat at the ballpark, and a curb service line will allow easy take-home containers.

Mrs. Lena Alvarado wins truck in Wilcox 'Sesqui-celebration'

Several hundred customers of the Wilcox Minimax gathered in the store parking lot Tuesday evening for the drawing awarding the new Mitsubishi pick-up truck. That and several gift certificates were given away in a sesquicentennial promotion.

Mrs. Lena Alvarado was the name on the grand prize ticket drawn by William H. Harrison, former president of the First National Bank. Although she wasn't in the crowd, relatives contacted her at the Didner Hall bingo game and brought her to the store.

"I was so surprised," was the reaction she had as store owner Robert Wilcox presented her with the keys to the vehicle.

Her son in law, postman Ben Castillo, was the winner of the next biggest prize, a $150 gift certificate redeemable at the store. Winners of gift certificates for $19.86 were Wayne Bowen of 200 Church St., Ruby Gasca of 505 E. State St., and Mrs. Mary Jo (Les) Euers of 623 Melody Lane.

The crowd started gathering at the store after 5 p.m. when free soft drinks, and pieces of cake from the Wilcox bakery department were made available.

Sale Saturday for Boy Scout trip to summer camp

The Boy Scouts of Troop 334 are conducting a garage sale and a bake sale this weekend to raise funds for their summer camp trip to the Davis Mountains of West Texas, according to Scoutmaster Verlin Argo.

Items can be donated to the sales after 5 p.m. this week.

The sale will be held this Saturday, May 3rd at 106 W. Center St.

Argo said the trip to the Buffalo Trail Camp the week of June 14-22 calls for a round trip of some 1,100 miles. The troop also hopes to see Old Fort Davis and the McDonald Observatory near the camp.

Miss Black Colorado County pageant Saturday at Primary School

This Saturday night at the Eagle Lake Primary School, Miss Black Colorado County will be named, according to Bea Kuykendall.

The public is invited. Dress for the girls between the age of 16 and 21 will be western and evening modeling. The winner will ride on the Miss Black Colorado County float on June 21.

Weather Report

Here are the weather observations from the Texas A&M Research Site, Eagle Lake; in cooperation with the National Weather Service and the Texas Water Development Board. Air temperatures listed are sheltered air temperatures.

Date April	Air Temp. Max-Min	4-Inch Soil Temp. Max-Min	Evap. (Inches)	Rain (Inches)	DD50 Units (Daily)
22	82-52	86-67	.244	--	16
23	82-52	87-68	.372	--	17
24	84-56	88-68	.291	--	20
25	82-58	84-69	.212	--	20
26	82-64	82-71	.225	--	23
27	85-66	82-72	.197	.09	25
28	88-60	86-72	.188	--	24

Total DD50 Units accumulated from 3/15/86: 775.5

Primary election Saturday has local and state focus

Election activity for the local Democratic Primary moved into high gear this week as voters prepared to go to the polls this Saturday (May 3rd) to make county and state nominations.

For the southeastern part of Colorado County, the focus is on the commissioner race in Precinct Four, but other county races also are drawing attention. County-wide Democratic voters will choose a county clerk candidate, and in Precinct Two in the Weimar-Oakland areas, incumbent Rafael Veselka also faces two challengers.

Polling places and sample ballots for the Republican and Democratic primaries are printed in this issue on pages 14 and 15. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. **Eagle Lake area voters** should note that Democratic voting will be conducted at the Eagle Lake Municipal building, not at the Community Center where it has been held traditionally.

At the federal level, both major parties list candidates unopposed for U.S. Representaüve, District 14; Mac Sweeney on the Republican side and Greg Laughlin for the Democrats. However, neither candidate has been seeking votes in the local media, and nothing is known about Laughlin.

For the state candidates, the gamut runs from governor, for which there is a great deal of interest because of the education reforms in House Bill 72, down to supreme court judges, which again appear to be ho-humers.

At the county level, incumbent Precinct Court commissioner L.W. "Bill" Stiles Jr. is seeking re-election on the Democratic ticket, and is facing opposition from Paul Causey and Leon J. "Sonny" Spanihel.

Causey has been working diligently for his first election bid, writing personal letters, making personal visits and telephone calls, and through ads in The Headlight. Spanihel also has been campaigning locally, sending letters to eligible voters, making personal contacts, and also using The Headlight.

Stiles has kept more to the personal contact, and in last week's Headlight told voters his positions. This week, in reaction perhaps to last week's "questions for the candidates" page, his messages to the voters are even more pointed.

As is usually the case with rural politics it is impossible to predict outcomes with anything other than a guess, but many are predicting a run-off election in June. Since there are no other major local issues on the ballot, as there was in the April city election, voter turn-out is not expected to be as heavy.

What may bring out a certain segment of the voters is the gubernatorial and state representative races. Many educators have long expressed dissatisfaction with Mark White's support of House Bill 72, and with such a large block of voters, another victory for the one-term governor is no certainty. The educators' campaign against White has originated some of the best campaign humor though, such as "Mark White is not an essential element," and something like "Mark-out" the governor.

As for the state representative race, incumbent Robert Saunders faces heat from the same factor because of his support of House Bill 72. His strongest challenger, Dan Buie of Elgin, not only has support in Colorado County because of his many, many campaign stops here, but also because he courted the teacher vote by denouncing the education reform.

Others seeking the state house of representative nomination on the Democratic side are Larry A. Dunne, Carey Boethel and Ed Janecka. The latter is a Weimar native, and also has been campaigning heavily in this area.

Other county races:

The county clerk race has three candidates seeking to replace Annie Franta who is retiring. Connie Ilse, Dennis J. Wagner and Darlene Hayek are seeking the slot. There is no Republican candidate so the winner in the primary will be the next clerk.

A new county treasurer also will be picked this weekend. Although county commissioners have made it known the office will be abolished after the next term is completed, two women are seeking the post. They are Juanita (Nita) Renick and Sharon J. Knox. Commissioners changed the job to a part-time position, and reduced the salary.

Precinct Two commissioner candidates are Veselka, Butch Strunk of the Oakland community, and Charles Trefny of Weimar. Most predictions are that Veselka will be defeated.

732-MOVE

Call the new transit system in county

Inauguration services for the newly-formed Colorado Valley Transit System will be held this Saturday in Eagle Lake, Columbus and Weimar, kicking off a state funded project that hopes to serve the rural transportation needs of this area.

By calling 732-MOVE collect, arrangements can be made for the single van the system will use. The van will serve the Eagle Lake area on Tuesdays, Weimar on Wednesdays and Columbus on Thursdays. On the other days the van is available if reserved. Trips can be in town, or elsewhere in the county.

The system was begun with a $63,000 grant from the Department on Aging and the Texas department of Highways and Transportation. Vastene Olier, director, said the funding is for one year, and that next year, they hope to double that amount to allow the system to purchase more vans. At that time, she said they will be seeking 20 percent of their funding from local agencies, at least in the form in in-kind services. That means a local government can provide a service of some kind instead of paying money.

The Eagle Lake inauguration ceremonies are scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday at the Eagle Lake municipal building. There will be coupons for free ice cream cones for the children, free transportation passes for adults for one round trip, and a display of the van and demonstration of its wheelchair lift. According to the publicity about the ceremonies, the Mayor Lanny Powers will be presented a symbolic key to the transportation system. Ceremonies also will be held in Columbus at 9 a.m. and in Weimar at noon.

For those who are age 60 and over, and those that are wheelchair bound, there is no cost to use the transportation, but donations are accepted. Other handicapped persons are charged 25-cents for a round trip, and others are charged 50-cents for a round trip in a city, and $1.00 for a round trip elsewhere in the county.

The office for Colorado Valley Transit is at 109 Shult Drive, suite 203 (above Voelkel's Pharmacy) in Columbus, with a mailing address of P.O. Box 940. Ada Eben is the secretary in the office. Members of the board are Nelma Strey, a registered nurse at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital; Sidney MacAllister; Christ Stein; Martin Williams; Richard Coerver, and Suzy Gormley.

Action taken on county artifacts at courthouse

The room at the courthouse housing many of the county historical commission's artifacts collected over the years will have to be cleared soon, according to a vote of county commissioners Monday in Columbus.

Attorney Ed Woolery-Price presented a plan to commissioners about the historical items, and after a long discussion, commissioner Otto Loessin made a motion that the commission clear the room in six weeks. "We've got day-to-day governmental operations in the courthouse to run," county judge Lester Cranek said, "and we need the space." There was some discussion about giving owners of items the opportunity to regain possession.

Commissioners also established a six-month permit plan for contractors based in Colorado County who will be moving over-width and over-height items. They will have to apply with the county and post a $2,500 bond. The permit does not apply to over-weight vehicles which must be handeled on a case-by-case basis. It also does not apply to farm equipment.

A request by county tax assessor-collector Evelyn Thomas to retain a part-time person for two more months was approved. The person assists with keeping voter and juror records updated. The cost will be about $650, but Mrs. Thomas said she will not be using $400 budgeted for convention expenses, and others in the courthouse are below budget on part-time personnel.

Commissioners also accepted the annual report on the public health service available in Colorado County. "1985 was busier and more productive than 1984," the report said. It was signed by Dr. Nina M. Sisley, director of public health region 11. "Because we started Family Planning services in November of 1984 the number of women receiving family planning rose from 40 in 1984 to 248 in 1985. In addition 53 women received prenatal services during 1985."

County judge Lester Cranek praised Dr. Raymond Thomas for initiating the public health program in the county a number of years ago, and also praised his son, Dr. Russell Thomas, for his support of the program and for the time he has devoted to public health since establishing his practice in Eagle Lake. Dr. Raymond Thomas is the county public health officer.

AprilFest: $4,108.07 for Revitalization

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

On behalf of the AprilFest committee we would like to thank the citizens of Eagle Lake for the great support we received during our Festival. Even though the Carnival was not what we had expected it to be, the people of Eagle Lake participated in the AprilFest activities more than our committee had expected.

With the help of our citizens the committee made $4,108.07 which has been given to the Revitalize Eagle Lake Committee to be used here in Eagle Lake.

Thanks again for your support for this activity.

Sincerely,
AprilFest Committee

LCRA board plans meetings in Eagle Lake on July 23-24

Jay Anderson, a member of the board of directors of the Lower Colorado River Association said the board has accepted his invitation to hold their meeting here in July.

The board's committees are scheduled to met July 23 and the full board meeting is July 24.

Anderson said reservation already have been made for the meetings

Policeman suspended for violation

Eagle Lake policeman John McKee was suspended from duty last week by police chief Ben Johnson for violation of department policy established a year or more before Johnson became chief in 1985.

City manager Robert Klockman said Tuesday that after he looked into the situation through Friday morning, McKee began a week's vacation, and has requested an appearance before city council next week. McKee said there was no wrong-doing.

Klockman said the department policy violated concerned the rule prohibiting unauthorized riders in city police vehicles.