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School board

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•Accepted resignations from Mary Ann Thornton, Candy McCrery and Miss Ellis;

•Hired Patricia Maden, Robin Meyer and Gwendolyn Knight, and

•Hired Jeanette Knigge to fill the position left vacant by Vic Scott, who is retiring.

Pictured, from left to right, are Pat Mascheck, Tim Luedecke, Les LeBouef, Dwight Hadley and David Euers.
Photo courtesy of Sealy News

WCL Builders' team first in bowling league

On May 27, an 'end-of-league' barbecue dinner was held at the American Legion Hall in Sealy honoring the 12 teams that participated in the fall league (which ended May 21) at the Sealy Bowling Palace in Sealy.

WCL Builders of Eagle Lake won first place in the Thursday night master's league. Receiving trophies for their individual efforts which, when compiled, gave them the first place title were Tim Luedecke (team captain), Les LeBouef, Pat Mascheck, Dwight Hadley and David Euers. They were in first place almost during the whole season, winning the league by 12 1/2 points.

Order broilers now for fair

by Leroy J. Hajdik,
County Extension Agent

4-H and FFA Club members planning to feed broilers for the county fair must submit their orders to the county extension office by no later than Monday, June 15. A minimum order will be for 15 poults chicks. Delivery will be Friday July, 17. The chicks cost 40¢ each and payment should accompany the order. Contact the County Extension office for details.

Rabbit training

Youth planning to enter rabbits in the Colorado County Fair are encouraged to attend a rabbit project meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the County Agricultural Building on MOnday, June 15.

Ken Walla, rabbit producer of El Campo will be present to conduct the training at the meeting June 15.

Pens of three fryer rabbits are eligible for sale in the special youth sale at the county fair by members of the Colorado County FFA chapters and Colorado County 4-H club members.

The rabbit breeding show division is open to all youth with no club membership requirements.

Haymaking losses

A four to five week cutting cycle will produce plenty of good quality hay.

Once the hay crop is cut, delayed drying results in reduced feed value and hay volume because of plant respiration, leaf shattering and leaching.

Although the plant is cut, respiration continues until the plant's moisture content drops below 35 percent. This respiration decreases feed value. Respiration losses are slight with optimum drying conditions, but can amount to 16 percent of the crop when drying conditions are poor. Mechanical crushing of stems speeds up drying and helps reduce losses.

Rain causes leaching losses of water soluble nutrients. Rewetting of cut hay also favors micro-organism development which can cause additional losses.

While rainfall is a hazard for cut hay, continued exposure to bright sunblight also is a problem because it reduces carotene levels and results in bleaching.

Top reduce environmental related losses, bale hay as soon as it's cured. Continued exposure can only result in loss of feed value.

Baling losses occur in every haying operation. Some hay is left on the ground regardless of the condition of the hay or baler. Operators should strive to keep these losses to a minimum. Losses are the least when operating the baler at optimum speed with a full window.

Losses in feed value and production of hay can be minimized by cutting during the vegetative stage of growth, drying rapidly without rewetting, and baling as rapidly as curing is accomplished. The shorter the time from cutting until storage, the less the loss of feed value and volume.

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Eagle Lake Little League results

Results of Little League games are as follows:

T-BALL

Raiders defeated the Eagles 23 to 17 on May 19. Eagles scorers: Ryan, Ben, Risa, Vanessa, Thomas, Jonathan and Amanda, 2 runs each; Sammi, Frannie and Ralph, 1 run each. Raiders scorers: Jonathan and Dale, 3 runs each; Britni, Zachary, Michael, Brandon, Amber Sides, Amber Stevens, Dawn and Nicole, 2 runs each; Ruthie, 1 run each.

On May 20, Eagles slide by the Bears 17 to 16. Scoring for the Bears: Angela, 3 runs; Jamarcus, Bubba, Justin, Joshua and Francisco, 2 runs each; Amy, Fulton and Shawn, 1 run each. Scoring for the Eagles: Ryan, 3 runs; Alexis, Risa, Ralph and Jonathan, 2 runs each; Jose, Ben, Kurt, Genice, Frannie and Amanda, 1 run each.

The Panthers beat the Tigers 24 to 21 on May 20. Both teams made double plays. Panthers scorers: Sean and Jason, 3 runs each; Ariane, LaShawna, Nicholas, Chuckie, Thomas, Stacie, Jayenelle and Rochelle, 2 runs each; Timothy and Stephanie, 1 run each. Tigers scorers: Jason, Coy and Barrett, 3 runs each; Richard, Amy, Erica, DeeAnn and Holli, 2 runs each; Lori and Ginger, 1 run each.

On May 22, the Panthers defeated the Bears 26-10. Scoring for the Bears with 1 run each were Jason, Brian, Bubba, Amy, Angela, Justin, Joshua, Fulton, Rebal and Francisco. Scoring for the Panthers were Ariane, LaShawna and Sean, 4 runs each; Jason, 3 runs; Jayenelle, Brian, Stacie and Thomas, 2 runs each; Nicholas, Chuckie and Timothy, 1 run each.

The Eagles flew by the Tigers 26 to 24 on May 26. The Eagles made a double play in the 3rd inning. Tigers scorers: Lori, Richard, Amy and Jason, 3 runs each; Donovan, Erica, Coy, Holli and Ginger, 2 runs each; DeeAnn and Angie, 1 run each. Eagles scorers: Ben, Risa, Sammi and Kurt, 3 runs each; Jose, Alexis, Genice, Frannie and Thomas, 2 runs each; Ryan, Vanessa, Ralph and Amanda, 1 run each.

On May 27 the Raiders defeated the Eagles 18 to 14. Scoring for the Eagles: Ryan, Alexis, Ben, Vanessa and Sammi, 2 runs each; Lisa, Thomas, Jonathan and Amanda, 1 run each. Scoring for the Raiders: Jonathan, 3 runs; Britni, Amber Sides, Dawn and Ruthie, 2 runs each; Zachary, Michael, Dale, Brandon, Brian, Marvin and Amber Stevens, 1 run each.

The Tigers came out on top of the Bears 25 to 16 on May 27 with both teams making double plays. Bears scorers: Bubba, 3 runs; Angela, Justin, Joshua and Fulton, 2 runs each; Jason, Brian, Amy, Rebal and Francisco, 1 run each. Tigers scorers: Lori, 4 runs; Amy, Donovan and DeeAnn, 3 runs each; Richard, Erica and Ginger, 2 runs each; Jason, Coy, Holli, Barrett, Rene and Angie, 1 run each.

On June 2, the Panthers defeated the Bears 18 to 11. Scoring for the Bears were: Bubba, Angela and Jason, 2 each; Jarmarcus, Amy, Joshua, Fulton and Francisco, 1 each. Scoring for the Panthers were: Ariane and Jason, 3 each; LaShawna, Stacie, Timothy, Nicky and Chuckie, 2 each; Brian and Stephanie, 1 each.

On June 3, games were rained out.

On June 5, the Panthers beat the Eagles 34 to 12. Panthers scorers: Timothy, 5; Stacie, 4; LaShawna, Sean, Jason, Nicky, Rochelle and Jayenelle, 3 each; Ariane, Brian and Chuckie, 2 each; Thomas, 1. Eagles scorers: Alexis, 3; Ben, Vanessa, Kurt and Genice, 2 each; Sammi, 1.

Games scheduled for Friday, June 5 were rained out. Team standings as of May 29: Panthers, 6 wins, 0 losses; Raiders, 3-1; Eagles, 2-4-1; Tigers, 2-3-1; Bears, 0-5.

GIRLS MAJOR LEAGUE

On May 18, the Honey Bees brought home an easy win against the Red Sox with the final score 20 to 1. Evelyn was the winning pitcher for the Honey Bees. She walked 2, struck out 1 and allowed 1 hit while Yvette relieved her in the 2nd inning and walked 4, struck out 5, allowed 1 hit. Kim, Red Sox pitcher, walked 9, struck out 5, allowed 9 hits. Outstanding players - Red Sox: Kim, 2 for 3; Honey Bees: Nekesha, 3 for 3; Rebecca and Belinda, each 2 for 4; Brandy and Evelyn, each 1 for 3.

On May 21, the Fillies defeated the Red Sox 14 to 7 with Leslie as the winning pitcher. Leslie pitched the entire game with 5 strike outs, 4 walks, gave up 9 hits. Fillies made 2 errors. Joy, Red Sox pitcher, walked 12, struck out 2 while Shea relieved her in the 3rd inning with 7 walks, 1 strike out, 4 hits. Outstanding players - Fillies: Rhonda, Jill and Bridget, each 1 for 1 and Dawn, 1 for 2; Red Sox: Kim, 3 for 3; Kathy, Joy, Kelly and Alesia, each 2 for 2, and Shea, 1 for 1.

The game on Thursday, May 28 was rained out. On June 1, the Red Sox beat the Fillies 8 to 6 with Kim as the winning pitcher. She had 10 strike outs, 10 walks, 2 hits. Regina, Fillies pitcher, had 5 strike outs, 9 walks, 9 hits. Outstandings players - Fillies: Regina, 1 for 2, and Dawn, 1 for 3; Red Sox, J'Amy, 2 for 4; Kristie and Jacksie, each 1 for 1; Kim, 1 for 4; Shea, Breana and Alesia, each 1 for 3, and Kathy, 1 for 2. The game scheduled for Thursday, June 4 was rained out.

Team standings as of June 4: Honey Bees, 4 wins, 0 losses; Red Sox, 3-4, and Fillies, 1-4.

BOYS MINOR LEAGUE

On May 18, the Sox beat the Mets 8 to 6 with Jason J. as the winning pitcher. He had 2 strike outs, 1 hit batter, gave up 5 hits. Lance, Mets pitcher, pitched first 2 innings with 3 strike outs, 4 hits while Jared, Mets relief pitcher, had 1 strike out, 2 hits. Outstanding players - Mets: Jared, Tim and Justin, each 1 for 2, and Brad, 2 for 2; Sox: Jeremy, Christian, Aaron. Brian. Bennie, Phillip, each 1 for 2.

A tight six innings brought the Blue Jays a win against the Rangers on May 18 with the final score 1 to 0. Brian, winning pitcher, had 8 strike outs, gave up 4 hits. Jason N., Rangers pitcher, had 6 strike outs, gave up 3 hits. Outstanding players - Rangers: Rocky, 1 for 3; Brandon, Rossi and Kyle, each 1 for 2; Blue Jays: Heath and Anthony, each 1 for 3, and Jason, 1 for 2.

On May 21, the Rangers defeated the Mets 7 to 2 with Brandon as the winning pitcher. He had 8 strike outs, allowed 4 hits. Brad, Mets pitcher, had 6 strike outs, allowed 7 hits. Outstanding players - Mets: Jared, Brad, Tim and Justin, each 1 for 2; Rangers: Jason N., 2 for 3; Brandon, 3 for 3; Richard and Kyle, each 1 for 3.

The Blue Jays socked the Sox 5 to 0 on May 21 with Anthony as the winning pitcher. He had 13 strike outs, gave up 2 hits. Christian, Sox pitcher, pitched first 3 innings with 9 strike outs, gave up 2 hits while Jason J., Sox relief pitcher in 5th inning, had 1 strike out, 1 hit. Heath, Blue Jays pitcher, had 3 strike outs, 4 hits, while, Anthony, relief pitcher in 4th inning, had 5 strike outs, 2 hits. Outstanding players - Blue Jays: Heath, 1 for 3, and Anthony and Ryan, each 1 for 2; Sox: Christian and Andre, each 2 for 3; Aaron, 1 for 3; Del and Jason J., each 1 for 2.

On May 28 the Rangers beat the Mets 6 to 1 with Jason N. as the winning pitcher. He had 1 strike out, gave up 5 hits. Brad, Mets pitcher, had 4 strike outs, gave up 7 hits. Outstanding players - Mets: Lance, 2 for 2; Manuel, Justin and Michael, each 1 for 2; Rangers: Rocky, 2 for 3; Blake, 1 for 3, and Rossi, Osvaldo, Richard and Oliver, each 1 for 2.

On June 1, the Blue Jays and Mets ended the game with a 4 to 4 tie. Jason, Blue Jays pitcher, had 3 strike outs, 5 hits, 1 hit batter while Anthony, relief pitcher, had 4 strike outs, 2 hits. Mets pitcher, Jared, had 11 strike outs, 1 hit batter, 6 hits. Outstanding players - Blue Jays: Anthony, Brian and Doug, each 1 for 3; Neal, 2 for 3; Alison, 1 for 2; Mets: Lance and Tim, each 1 for 3; Jared, 3 for 3, and Michael, 2 for 2.

The Rangers defeated the Sox 10 to 1 on June 1 with Brandon as the winning pitcher. He had 5 strike outs, 1 hit while Jason N., relief pitcher in the 4th inning, had 1 strike out, 2 hit batters, 2 hits. Christian, Sox pitcher, had 3 strike outs, 1 hit batter, gave up 11 hits, while Jason J., relief pitcher in 4th inning, gave up 2 hits. Outstanding players - Sox: Jeremy, 2 for 2, and Christian, 1 for 2; Rangers: Rocky and Rossi, each 1 for 3; Jason N. and Blake, each 2 for 3; Brandon, 3 for 3; Kyle, 1 for 2; Osvaldo, 2 for 2; Richard, 1 for 1.

On June 4, the Rangers and the Sox mets again with the Rangers coming out on top 8 to 3. Jason N., winning pitcher, gave up 2 hits, while Brandon, relief pitcher in 3rd inning, had 1 strike out, gave up 1 hit. Christian, Sox pitcher, had 3 strike outs, 6 hits while Jason J., relief pitcher in 4th inning, had 1 strike out, 4 hits. Outstanding players - Rangers: Rocky and Brandon, each 2 for 3; Richard, 1 for 3; Blake, Rossi, Osvaldo, Jason N., Oliver, each 1 for 2.

On June 4, the Mets and Blue Jays were rained out after 1 complete inning.

Team standings: Rangers, 7 wins, 1 loss; Sox, 3-4; Blue Jays, 3-3-1; Mets, 0-7-1.

BOYS MAJOR LEAGUE

On May 22, the Pirates defeated the Yanks 11 to 3 with Ernest as the winning pitcher. Erneset had 7 strike outs, 2 walks, allowed 3 hits. Antron, Yanks pitcher, walked 8, struck out 4 in the first 3 innings while Corey relieved in the 4th with 3 walks, 4 strike outs. Outstanding players - Yanks: Chad, 1 for 3; Roland, 1 for 2, and Kenneth, 1 for 1; Pirates: Richard and Everett, each 2 for 5; Scott G. and Michael, each 1 for 4, and Ernest and Fernando, each 1 for 2.

The Dodgers slide by the Cubs 7 to 5 on May 22 with George as the winning pitcher. He pitched the entire game with 15 strike outs, 1 base on balls, 1 hit batter, gave up 6 hits. Cory, Cubs pitcher, had 6 strike outs, 8 walks, 1 hit batter and gave up 1 hit for first 3 innings while Tony, relief pitcher, had 4 strike outs, 1 walk and 1 hit. Outstanding players - Cubs: Ryan T. and Steven, each 2 for 3; Travis, 1 for 4, and Cory, 1 for 2; Dodgers: George and Clay, each 1 for 1.

On May 26, the Pirates defeated the Cubs 5 to 3. Ernest, winning pitcher, had 10 strike outs, 2 walks, 4 hits. Cory, losing pitcher, walked 3, struck out 2, gave up 1 hit while Ballet, relief pitcher in 2nd inning, had 11 strike outs, walked 4, allowed 3 hits. Outstanding players - Pirates: Everett and Michael, each 1 for 2; Scott G., 1 for 1, and Scot J., 1 for 3; Cubs: Steven, 2 for 3; Travis, 1 for 3, and Tony, 1 for 2.

Games scheduled Friday, May 29 were rained out.

On June 2, the Dodgers beat the Yanks 13 to 7. George, Dodgers pitcher, had 13 strike outs, 9 walks, 1 hit batter, allowed 2 hits. Yanks pitcher, Roland, struck out 1, walked 3, allowed 1 hit while Corey, relief pitcher in 2nd inning, walked 3, struck out 2 allowed 1 hit, and Antron relief pitcher in 4th inning, walked 1, struck out 2. Outstanding players - Yanks: Andres, 1 for 2, and Antron, 1 for 3; Dodgers, marcus, 1 for 2, and Chris, 1 for 3.

Team standings, Pirates, 4 wins, 2 losses; Dodgers, 4-2; Yanks, 2-4; Cubs, 2-4.

Schedule

Thursday, June 11: 5:30 p.m., Mets vs. Sox; 7 p.m., Blue Jays vs. Rangers; 8:30 p.m., Fillies vs. Red Sox.

Friday, June 12: 5:30 p.m., Eagles vs. Raiders; 6:45 p.m., Dodgers vs. Cubs; 8:30 p.m., Yanks vs. Pirates.

Monday, June 15: 5:30 p.m., Blue Jays vs. Sox; 7 p.m., Mets vs. Rangers; 8:30 p.m., Red Sox vs. Honey Bees.

Tuesday, June 16: 5:30 p.m., Raiders vs. Bears; 6:45 p.m., Cubs vs. Pirates; 8:30 p.m., Dodgers vs. Yanks.

Thursday, June 18: 5:30 p.m., Bears vs. Eagles; 6:45 p.m., Panthers vs. Tigers; 8 p.m., Honey Bees vs. Fillies.

Friday, June 19: 6 p.m., Pirates vs. Dodgers; 8 p.m., Yanks vs. Cubs.

Sheridan swimming lessons planned

Red Cross swimming lessons at the Sheridan pool will be held June 15-19 and June 22-26. Classes to be offered will include beginners, advanced beginners, intermediates, swimmers, and basic rescue and water safety (junior lifesaving). Classes will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 11 a.m.

Students must be six years old by September 1 to register. Call Mrs. Lillian Gohlke at 234-3280 to register.

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Delinquent taxpayers warned to pay up or face suit

A total of 188 delinquent taxpayers, who owe more than $180,000 in back taxes to the various governments in Colorado County, have been targeted for collection this summer by the county Central Appraisal District, according to an announcement by Billy Youens, chief appraiser.

Since its formation several years ago, the appraisal district has been active in collecting back taxes. Originally totalling more than $1 million, the efforts of the district have reduced that to about $578,000, Youens said.

The newest names on the list of 118 have been sent registered letters which tell the taxpayer that they should contact the appraisal district before July 1 and make some arrangements to pay. Otherwise a delinquent tax suit will be filed on all accounts that do not comply with the request. The suit can be costly to a taxpayer too, since court costs, attorney fees and other penalties are the responsibility of the taxpayer.

While the appraisal district is serious in its warning to those who do not pay taxes, state laws allow the district to make arrangements with taxpayers who might not be able to afford to pay all taxes at one time. Youens has noted in the past that once those arrangements are made, the taxpayer must stick to the payment schedule or the suit will be filed.

Youens is persistent in seeking back taxes not only because it is his job, but because it reduces the tax burden on those who do pay taxes.

newsbriefs

Juneteenth parade this Saturday

A Juneteenth parade will be held this Saturday, June 20 in downtown Eagle Lake beginning at 1 p.m. The parade will go down Main Street and end at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center where a picnic is being planned.

Anyone that is interested in participating in the parade should contact Bea Kuykendall at 732-3662.

Dollar Day at the swimming pool Monday

The Eagle Lake Community Pool is having a $1 day this Monday, June 22 from 1-6 p.m. Come join in for a day filled with fun.

Adult swim night is held every Wednesday evening from 7-9 (must be 18 years of age or older). Anyone who wants to have a party at the pool needs to make reservations by calling Linda Frnka at 234-5822 or 234-3492.

Red Cross health, safety meeting

The Colorado County chapter of the American Red Cross will hold a meeting of health and safety services for volunteers on Tuesday, June 23 beginning at 6:45 p.m. in the Columbus Hospital dining room. Marty Nix, volunteer safety specialist from College Station, will be there to present an overview of Revision of Standards in the Red Cross water safety, first aid and CPR programs plus mandatory changes for all instructors.

All volunteers or those persons interested in these Red Cross programs are urged to attend. Charlie Moertel, field service manager for the Gulf Coast territory, will also be in attendance. This offers an excellent opportunity to get some direct information and hear about the many visual aids and other materials available to us, including the new videos which will be available in the fall.

Any questions may be directed to Marlene Miller at 500 W. Prairie, Eagle Lake, 234-5083.

Sorority calendars now available

Xi Pi Psi sorority members are selling their birthday calendars for the upcoming year. Anyone wishing to buy a calendar may do so by calling Mary Lou Szymanski at 234-2042, Kay Clinson at 234-5521 or any other Xi Pi Psi sorority member.

Friendship Baptist revival June 22-26

Members and Rev. R.J. Williams of the Friendship Baptist Church invite the public to come worship with them at a revival Monday, June 22 to Friday, June 26 with nightly services beginning at 7:30.

Guest speaker will be the Rev. F.N. (Floyd) Williams, pastor of Antioch Baptist Church in Houston. Rev. Williams is a former pastor of Friendship Baptist Church and in his own way, a television celebrity. He is well known in Eagle Lake and the surrounding areas.

Row crops tour scheduled June 26

The 11th annual Colorado County Row Crops Tour will be held Friday, June 26. The tour will start at the Nada Community Hall at 5 p.m. and will end back at the hall with a program on grain market outlook and a barbecue meal courtesy of area agri-businesses and seedsmen.

Tour stops will include corn and grain sorghum varietal and disease tests plus other items of interest to row crop producers.

Individuals planning to attend are requested to call the county Extension office at 732-2082 by no later than noon, June 25 and indicating the number attending in their party.

Vacation Bible School June 22-26

Community Vacation Bible School will be held June 22-26 from 9:15-11:30 at the United Methodist Church. There will be classes for 4 year olds through completed fifth grade. We will be studying "Paul's Adventure for Christ" and are anticipating a funfilled week.

Anyone who did not attend last year, please call Myra Wilson at 234-3624 to pre-register. There will be a $1 materials fee per child.

Community Vacation Bible School is jointly sponsored by the Assembly of God, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist and Presbyterian churches of Eagle Lake.

CCA board meeting June 25

Combined Community Action Inc. will hold its board of directors meeting on Thursday, June 25 at 7:30 p.m. at 531 Colorado in La Grange.

The public is invited to attend the meeting.

Parent program volunteers needed

The Parent Aide Program is looking for volunteers to work with parents who are in danger of abusing or neglecting their children. Parent Aides have proven very effective with such families.

New volunteers are desperately needed for Waller, Fort Bend, Austin and Colorado Counties. Please call (713) 749-7192.

Drug Council moves office

The Colorado Valley Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Inc. has recently moved to a new, more spacious location at 258 W. Pearl in La Grange.

Adjacent to Koenig-Peel Funeral Home, the white two-story building has two offices, a classroom, Alateen meeting room, and an audio visual-library room.

The 24 hour telephone number remains the same 968-9585.

No surplus food delivery for June

USDA Commodities will not be distributed this month by Combined Community Action Inc. (CCA). The agency which normally delivers commodities in a 5-county area each month is allocated only $17,000 a year by the Department of Human Services to provide this service. Normally, CCA distributes food the third Thursday of each month in Eagle Lake and Columbus and the fourth Wednesday of each month in Weimar. The money is allocated on a quarterly basis with June being the last month of the third quarter. The last two months the agency has distributed larger quantities of commodities with May delivering even a two months supply of some items. This was done at the request of TDHS because they were over supplied and needed to move commodities out of the warehouse. But, in doing so, the agency has used this quarter's allottment of money, said Rhoda Gersch, executive director of CCA.

The agency really can not provide the program in the five-county area for $1,500 a month. Distribution cost runs about twice that each month, Ms. Gersch reported. Distribution cost includes the truck expense and 1/2 of the salary of the truck driver. There is no other money in the budget for administration. We can not continue to run in months where we only get partial reimbursement or no reimbursement at all.

In other areas, agencies providing this program receive local support. "We have not asked the local governments for support yet because we are keenly aware of the troubles they are facing too. However, if we can not alleviate this problem in some other way we will have to ask the local governments for their assistance or discontinue some of the deliveries," Ms. Gersch stated. "We hope that we can continue service in July with no disruptions through the remainder of the program year, which is the end of September."

Rice field day and tour July 1

Ratoon crop production of rice in the Texas Rice Belt constitutes a major economic return for the Texas rice producers. Water management and nitrogen fertilizer for ratoon crop production will be one of the topics discussed by Dr. Garry McCauley at the annual rice field day and tour.

Another major topic, presented by Dr. Glen Whitney, will be disease management of sheath blight and how plant production, nitrogen fertilizer timing and the use of fungicides can influence this disease.

Field day activities this year will be held on Wednesday, July 1 at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Eagle Lake. Field tours will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by a catered meal and evening program.

New technology and the farm program are changing the economic outlook for the rice industry. To meet the challenge of economic survival, it is important to have the latest production information to assist in making critical decisions and the field day activities are designed to provide production information as it develops.

Mark your calendar for the afternoon of July 1 and obtain the latest information from research and extension specialists concerning rice production technology. For additional information, contact the Eagle Lake Experiment Station at (409) 234-3578.

Dr. R. Russell Thomas elected chief of hospital medical staff

Officials at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital announce the hospital's officers for the 1987-88 medical staff year. R. Russell Thomas, D.O., of Eagle Lake, was elected to lead the activities as chief of the medical staff with Raymond R. Thomas, M.D., of Eagle Lake, as the vice chief, and Jose M. Ugarte, M.D., of Eagle Lake, secretary. Other members of the medical staff are Harold L. Griffin, M.D.; O. Preston Copeland, M.D., and David Euers, D.D.S.

Dr. R. Russell Thomas graduated from Rice High School in 1971, received his bachelor of arts from the University of Texas at Austin in 1975, his master's degree in public health at the University of Texas School of Public Health in Houston in 1976, graduated from Texas College of Osteopath Medicine in 1980 and did his family practice residency at Southwest Memorial Hospital in Houston from 1980 to 1983 where he was chief resident from 1982-83.

Dr. Russell, as he is affectionately known, is president of the Colorado County Affiliate American Diabetes Association, secretary of the Colorado-Fayette Medical Society, a director of the Texas Academy of Family Practice, diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice and a fellow of the American Academy of Family Practice.

He is married to the former Robin Engstrom of Garwood and they have two children: Barrett, age 6, and Jacqueline, age 3. He is a member of the Grace Lutheran Church, Eagle Lake Rotary Club, a director of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce and a director of the Eagle Lake Industrial Foundation.

Being chief of the medical staff, Dr. Russell will be a voting member of the board of directors of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital during the 1987-88 medical staff year.

Bicyclers asked to ride safely

Anyone riding their bicycles in an unsafe or otherwise dangerous manner will have their bikes impounded by the Eagle Lake Police Department. A minor's parent(s) will be required to come to the police department to pick up the bike.

LCRA river quality monitoring explained to advisory group

Water quality index reports of the Colorado River were explained last week to members of the Colorado County Water Council. More than 15 council members and guests, including Lonnie Sommerlatte, county judge Lester Cranek and John Fearing, heard an explanation of the program conducted by the Lower Colorado River Authority.

The council is an LCRA advisory group formed in each of the LCRA's ten service counties along the river. Their meeting was held on Wednesday night of last week at a restaurant near the Fayette Power Plant north of Ellinger on U.S. 71. Some members of the council toured the power plant.

Chuck Dvorsky developed and oversees the LCRA program, which was one of the many new concepts that general manager David Freeman brought to the river authority. The attempt is to provide the public with a current water quality report, and apparently is unique in the country. It is aimed mainly at those who enjoy water contact recreation.

Every Thursday morning an LCRA employe travels the river, visiting the ten test sites between Bay City and Lake Buchanan. At each site, several tests are completed, then a sample is taken. After the last stop, samples are sent to a laboratory in Austin, which reports results the next morning. Those are quickly entered into a computer which analyzes those results, and computes the water quality index rating.

A number and a verbal rating are assigned to each site. For instance in one recent report for the test at the old Highway 71 boat ramp at Columbus, the numerical rating was 47 and the verbal rating was poor. Both ratings for La Grange were the same as Columbus, and downstream at Wharton, the numerical rating moved up to 50, but the verbal rating remained at poor.

That report said fecal coliform bacteria, turbidity (solids in the water) and nutrient levels were factors responsible for the lower water quality index ratings from Webberville downstream to Bay City.

The rating scale used in the program is: 76-100, good; 51-75, fair; below 50, poor.

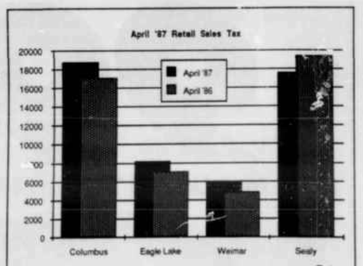
To make the information from the program of value to consumers, the LCRA lake information line provides a report by toll-free telephone call; however, after ten minutes of trying, and two long distance calls Tuesday morning to LCRA's headquarters in Austin, the numbers provided did not work. The Headlight did not determine whether there were problems with long distance telephone lines, or in LCRA. The Headlight normally does not print the weekly report since it would be a week old by the time readers see it.

Dvorsky said the sampling produces ten test items ranging from temperature to the amount of oxygen dissolved in the water. While the index report is current only at the time of sampling, those who call for the information can make a judgment about the quality of the water at the time they plan on entering the river. For instance, the samples are taken on Thursday, and if you call on Friday before making plans to water ski on the river on Saturday, pay attention to the index for Bastrop. That way you have some idea of the quality of the water that is coming downstream toward you.

Among other items Dvorsky noted was that if the water flowing out of the Austin sewage treatment plants into the Colorado River was of the best quality, there probably would be a 15 to 20 point increase in the quality of water downstream from Austin.

He also noted if anyone spots a particular pollution problem, they should call the LCRA pollution hotline at 1-800-2[illegible]-4986.

The water council meeting was the last one scheduled until August 26 when the group will meet at The Sportsman's Restaurant. The group will discuss items and concerns it plans to share with LCRA executives when the annual meeting of all ten water councils will be held in Austin on Sept. 18.



	April '87	April '86	Diff.	Pct Change
Columbus	$18,749.98	$17,072.60	$1,677.38	9.82
Eagle Lake	$8,165.66	$6,971.69	$1,193.97	17.1
Weimar	$5,881.69	$4,844.69	$1,037.00	21.4
Sealy	$17,567.39	$19,438.29	-$1,870.90	-9.62
El Campo	$41,968.48	$40,994.98	$973.50	2.37

While not included in the above chart of sales tax collection figures, reflecting retail sales made last April, El Campo data also is shown. The amounts represent taxes collected on April sales and reported to the state by May 20.

Retail sales here show 17.1% increase

Eagle Lake retail sales in April showed a bright spot for the local economy by increasing 17.1 percent over the same sales period last year. The information for this story is based on sales tax collections reported to the state for April sales activity.

Columbus also reported an increase, 9.8 percent, and Weimar's increase was 21.4 percent. Nearby Sealy still is having retail sales problems, and is showing a monthly decline of 9.6 percent.

For the year, the money rebated to Eagle Lake from the state, for the city's one percent sales tax, still is showing a decline, as it has for most of the past two years. Including the check the city received this month, Eagle Lake has received only 3.4 percent less money than through the first six months of last year. Columbus is less than one percent behind last year and Weimar is 2.7 percent behind. Sales in Sealy are 15.7 percent less than last year.