

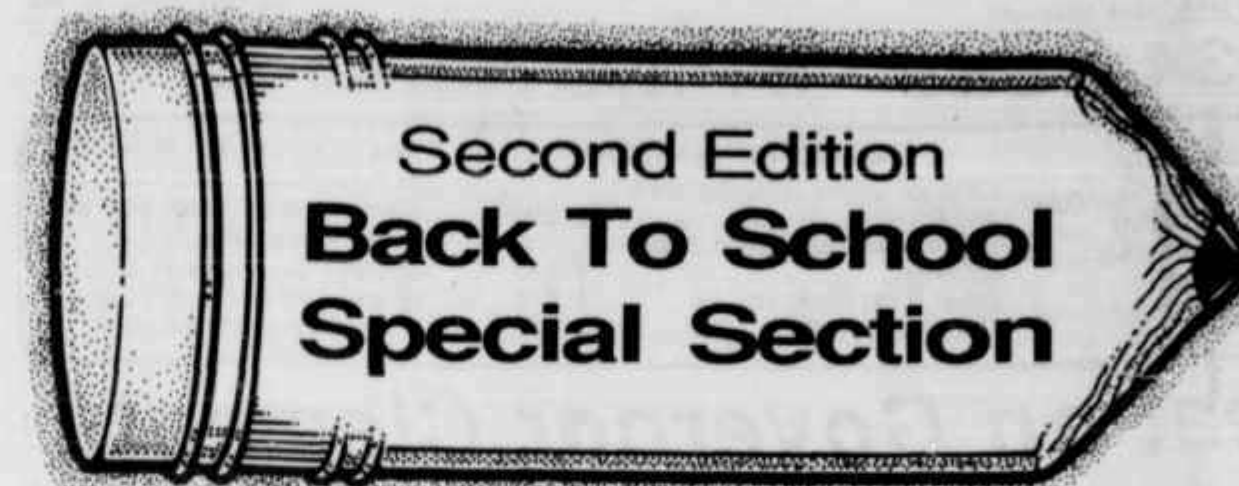


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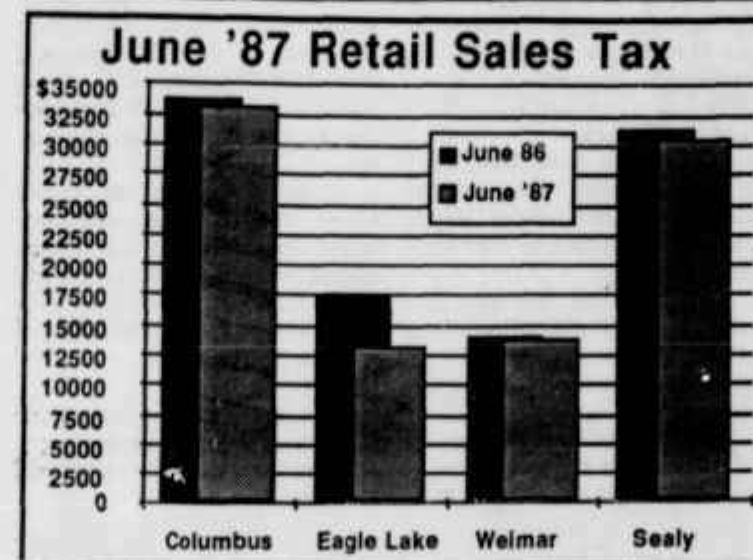
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	June '87	June '86	Diff.	Pct. Change
Columbus	\$33,150.93	\$33,666.83	-515.90	-1.53
Eagle Lake	\$13,201.83	\$17,489.99	-4,288.16	-24.52
Weimar	\$13,901.59	\$13,979.14	-77.54	-0.55
Sealy	\$30,328.47	\$31,245.50	-917.03	-2.93
El Campo	\$81,770.83	\$85,021.21	-3,250.38	-3.82

Retail sales story here same: Disastrous

After one month showing an increase in retail sales here, figures from June sales show business again declined.

According to records of sales tax collected by local merchants and forwarded to the state, Eagle Lake sales in June declined a disastrous 24.5 percent when compared to June of 1986. For 1987 so far, sales are down 5.2 percent from last year.

The figures shown above are the amounts the state sent back to the cities which levy the one cent tax on top of the state sales tax.

Starting in January, the county will levy a one-half cent sales tax.

In Columbus, sales for the month were down slightly, and for the year, sales are down 2.1 percent. Weimar sales for the month were practically even, while for the year, they too are down.

Sealy is still struggling economically as is the same in El Campo as well.

Back to school sidewalk sale this Friday

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The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce held its monthly meeting at the Snack Center Monday, August 17. Tom Reed, president, called the meeting to order with eighteen present, nine of which were directors.

After the corrected minutes were approved, Mike Henry, treasurer, reported that the chambers certificate of deposit would be due in October. The finance committee will meet and take bids on renewing the certificate at the best interest rate. They will report back to chamber in September with recommendations.

In the absence of Bill Appel, Reed announced plans for the Colorado County Fair Parade to be held in September and the Lion's Club parade in October. The chamber float will be participating in both parades.

The "Raiders Back to School Sidewalk Sale" will be held this Friday, August 21. Twenty-one local merchants are participating in this sale. After some discussion, Reed asked for a motion to accept the committee's recommendation to present a \$100 gift certificate at the drawing. Since there was no motion forthcoming from a director, Reed asked for further discussion. After further discussion, the chamber voted

to accept the committee's recommendations. With such a large number of participants, the committee recommended a full page ad to be taken out in the Headlight, featuring the merchants and some special items for the sale. Look for this ad on Page 7 of this issue.

Reed reported the Industrial Development Foundation will hold the

ten county conference on August 28 at the Community Center. Reed also reported that it was not necessary to pole the directors on the cocktail party at the Farris 1912 following the conference. The Foundation has decided to bear the financial responsibility.

The next monthly meeting will be held at the Sportsman's Restaurant on Monday, September 21.

Farm Bureau convention scheduled September 15

Colorado County Farm Bureau members are cordially invited to attend the Colorado County Farm Bureau convention on Tuesday, September 15 at the Columbus High School cafeteria at 7 p.m. A delicious barbecue beef and sausage dinner will be catered by Jerry Maleska.

Dinner tickets will be \$3 each if purchased by noon Monday, September 14 or \$4.50 if purchased after the deadline or at the door.

Make plans to attend the annual convention in Columbus. Deadline for reservations is noon Monday, September 14.

Colorado County Fair poster winner

Shara Glaister, third grade student at Eagle Lake Middle School and daughter of Gary and Betsy Glaister of Eagle Lake, was chosen as one of the three winners for the Colorado County Fair poster contest recently held.

The other winners were Travis Martinek, fifth grade, of Columbus, and Vicki Richter, seventh grade, of Weimar. Shara's poster is on display at the First National Bank of Eagle Lake until Fair time. The Colorado County Fair is scheduled for Sept. 11-13.

Man arrested for marijuana

Last Wednesday afternoon, August 12, Marvin Canon Rush, 51, of Eagle Lake was arrested by chief Ben Johnson at a local hang out called "The Hole" or "The Buzzard's Nest" located behind El Zarape.

According to the police report, Johnson found 24 hand-rolled marijuana cigarettes on Rush. He was charged with misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance and taken to the Colorado County jail. Bond was set at \$1,000 by Judge Mary Lou Szynanski.

Friday morning, August 14 John Perry reported an overnight break-in at his business, Coastal Contracting, on State Street. The burglar(s) apparently broke into the office sometime during the night. Items reported missing were a rechargeable drill and a Winchester 410 shot gun. Officer Bufford Ashley is investigating.

newsbriefs

RHS yearbooks available for 2 days

The 1987 Rice Raider yearbooks have been delivered to the high school from the printer. They will be distributed on Thursday and Friday, August 20 and 21, at the Rice High School principal's office between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Students are asked to bring their receipts.

Red Cross swimming cards ready

Red Cross swim cards can be picked up at the Eagle Lake Community Pool between 1 and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Both adults' and children's cards are ready.

Fair meeting August 26 at Courthouse

The next general meeting of the Colorado County Fair Association will be held on Wednesday, August 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Colorado County Courthouse court room.

Committee chairmen should notify their members to come to the meeting. Anyone interested in working with the fair in any capacity also is invited to attend.

Sheridan water board meeting Thursday

The Sheridan Water Supply Corp. board of directors will hold a meeting on Thursday, August 20 at 6 p.m. in the Sheridan Community Center. Among the items to be discussed include bringing the Sheridan School and facilities into compliance with the tariff, new "vacation" rates for inactive meters; need for a life opinion for the latest FmHA loan, and the request for water service on undeveloped property belonging to the New Life Fellowship Church.

There will be time set aside for audience comments. Members are invited to attend this meeting.

'Back-to-School' style show August 27

See what everyone will be wearing back to school. Come to the 'Back-to-School' style show on Thursday, August 27 at 7 p.m. in the Stafford Opera House.

Outfits, provided by area merchants, will be modeled by local youth. So join the fun — attend the style show!

Class of '67 reunion planned Saturday

The Eagle Lake High School graduating class of 1967 would like to invite the public to celebrate their 20 year reunion with them on Saturday evening, August 22 at 9 o'clock with a dance at the Eagle Lake Community Center.

Music will be provided by Tom and the Grassland band featuring J.W. Cole. Everyone is welcome to come and see old friends, enjoy a good show and have a great time.

Parks Commission to hold public meeting

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission will hold its annual public meeting to receive comments concerning any issue relating to the powers and duties of the commission at 2 p.m. Wednesday, August 26 at Texas Parks and Wildlife Department headquarters, 4200 Smith School Road in Austin.

CCA meeting August 27 in La Grange

Combined Community Action, Inc. will hold its board of directors meeting on Thursday, August 27 at the CCA Center, 331 Colorado in La Grange. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the public is invited to attend.

Four fires reported

Wrecks hospitalize three this weekend

Three separate accidents this weekend sent three people to the hospital and required using the jaws of

life rescue tool. Also the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department was called out to four fires.

On Friday morning at 1:30 a.m., an accident on U.S. 90A in Lissie was reported to the Wharton County DPS office. According to DPS officer Danny Teronera's report, Jason Smith, 20, of Eagle Lake, was driving west on 90A in Lissie when he lost control. The vehicle went into the ditch for approximately 400 feet and flipped several times for another 150 feet before coming to a stop. Smith was taken to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital by the East Bernard EMS where he was treated for injuries and later Life Flighted to Hermann Hospital in Houston. He was released from the hospital Sunday.

At 4:55 a.m. Saturday morning, Roy Henry Cranek, 32, of Glidden, totaled his 1984 rust-colored Toyota pickup approximately one and one half miles north of Eagle Lake. Cranek was driving east on FM 1093 when he swerved the vehicle to miss a deer. It ran off the roadway, struck a culvert, went back across the road and rolled over. Ronald McCain, 27, of Wallis was driving a 1980 orange and white Peterbilt truck/tractor which struck a tool box that fell off Cranek's vehicle in the middle of the roadway. Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department responded with 16 firemen at the scene standing by in case they needed to use the jaws of life rescue tool. Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps transported Cranek to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital where he was treated for minor injuries. Cranek was released Sunday from the hospital.

On Saturday morning at 10:55 a.m., Tommy Welch, 18, of Eagle Lake, driving a 1984 tan Toyota, was stopped in the road on FM 102 waiting for traffic in order to make a left turn into the Texas A&M Research Station when a 1984 brown Dodge being driven by Douglas Glueck, 17, of Cal Spring, slammed into the back of Welch. Seven volunteer firemen from Eagle Lake responded to the call using the jaws of life rescue tool. Glueck and his cousin, Eric Sorenson, 13, of Taylor, were taken by the Eagle Lake

Volunteer Ambulance Corps to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. As of Monday, Glueck and Sorenson were still hospitalized. According to the investigating DPS officer James Bonewitz, Glueck was ticketed with failure to control speed.

Shortly after noon on Tuesday, August 18, an additional auto accident involving a 1986 Eddie Bauer Bronco II occurred on FM 950 between Matthews and Garwood. No further details were available at press time, a full report and picture will be published in next week's paper.

Four fires reported
The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department was kept busy with four fires reported since last Thursday.

Fifteen firemen responded to a car fire at the home of Bea Kuykendall's home on West A Street at 9:30 Thursday evening, August 13. When the firemen arrived the fire was already put out on the 1978 blue Mercury. According to the report, a flooded carburetor was the cause of the fire.

On Friday, August 14 at 6:47 a.m., 16 firemen responded to a fire of a storage building behind Riceland Ford on 90A West. Grass was being burned the evening before and the fire had gotten to close to the storage building. It took the firemen 20 minutes to bring the fire under control. \$300 damage to the building was reported.

At 2:15 p.m. Saturday, August 15, a gas pump and tank fire was reported at 815 Main Street. Scott Powers apparently backed into the gas pump, turning the gas pump over catching it and the tank on fire. Eleven firemen responded, taking only 10 minutes to bring the fire under control.

A grass fire was reported at 5:05 p.m. Sunday, August 16 at 612 Shirley. When the 10 firemen arrived at the scene, a small fire was put out on a vacant lot which was possibly caused from burning trash. No damage was reported.



The Toyota pickup (pictured in top photo) with the smashed in hood resulted from a one-vehicle accident early Saturday morning. The other Toyota pickup next to it was hit from behind by the Dodge pickup (pictured in photo at bottom) which sent its occupants to the hospital.

