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## Spanihel tops Causey with 68% of votes; Hayek wins

While news reports about the Texas primary elections said state-wide voter turnout for Saturday's second primary election was extremely light, such was not the case in Colorado County as voters almost matched the number of votes cast in the first primary last May.

That is due to the Democratic run-offs for Colorado County Clerk and for precinct four commissioner.

Leon "Sonny" Spanihel is the Democratic candidate for precinct four commissioner, beating Paul F. Causey by better than a two to

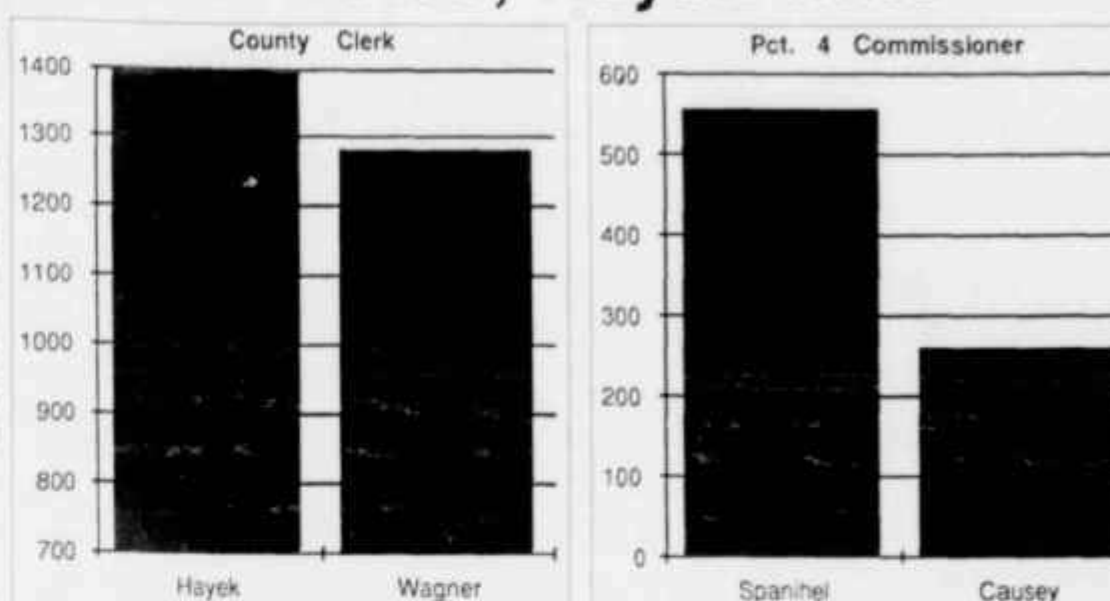
one margin. Spanihel drew 555 of the 813 votes cast in that race for 68.3 percent victory margin. Causey drew 258 votes for 31.7 percent. In the Altair voting area, Spanihel beat Causey 25-9; in Alveston, Spanihel won 24-7; and in Eagle Lake, Spanihel topped Causey 480-221. Spanihel also drew the most absentee votes, 26-21.

He now will face Eagle Lake Republican candidate, Bruce Johnson for the seat now held by Bill Stiles, who came in third in May's Democratic primary balloting.

The race for county clerk was much closer. The May primary leader, Darlene Hayek of Weimar, drew 1,401 of the 2,681 votes cast, for 52.3 percent. Dennis J. Wagner of Columbus pulled 1,280 votes, or 47.7 percent.

In the May primary, there were 945 votes cast in the precinct four commissioner race, and 4,723 votes for clerk.

Monday, Spanihel said he was glad to see the large voter turnout Saturday, recalling many of the past elections where only a few people took the trouble to go to the polls.



## Some candidates list contributions, costs

Most candidates in the city elections, and a few in the county elections, either are unaware of—or are ignoring—the state laws that govern political financial reporting, according to records kept at Eagle Lake city hall and at the courthouse.

Saturday's Democratic primary winner for precinct four commissioner, Leon "Sonny" Spanihel, said Monday that it was only a week ago Sunday that he learned that such financial information had to be reported on a form to the county clerk's office.

Therefore, there is no information to report at this time, but Spanihel said he would file by the end of the week. He did not know who had the responsibility to inform candidates that such a law existed.

His opponent, Saturday, Paul Causey, filed reports as required. In three reports, dated April 2, April 28 and June 2, he said he spent \$1,201.41, and had contributions of \$1,317.

Bill Stiles, the incumbent, filed a report on January 15 indicating no expenses or contributions

at that time, and in the report dated May 7, said he had zero contributions and expenses of \$1,440.

In the city elections, Mayor Lanny Powers filed three forms. In the first two, there were no contributions or expenditures listed. But, in the report dated May 1, Powers lists contributions of \$425 and expenses of \$771.30.

Mayoral candidate Roy D. Van Nort filed a report February 5 but listed no contributions or expenses. Council candidate Vic Cornman filed a report Dated February 11 and also reported no expenses or contributions.

There was no report filed by former mayor Elmer Strass, who was not a registered candidate, but who actively campaigned as a write-in candidate.

Councilman Case Hollub filed his report Tuesday, June 10, and listed contributions of \$285, and expenses of the same amount. Other candidates for council have not filed financial reports.

According to information on the form itself, a report is supposed to be filed on January 15 and July 15, apparently for

current office holders and candidates of record. Also, forms are supposed to be filed on the 30th day before an election, the 7th day before an election, and the 30th day after an election, with space on the form for noting the period covered by that statement.

A report also is to be filed on the 15th day after designation of a campaign treasurer by an officer-holder, and the law requires a statement to be filed annually on unexpended contributions.

In the county, among those who have filed forms, Darlene Hayek, reported \$100 in contributions and \$1,990.66 for expenses on a report dated April 16, 1986. In two other forms, filed June 2, she said there were no expenses or contributions for the period May 24 to May 31, and for the period March 26 to May 23, had contributions of \$75 and expenses of \$1,126.59.

Republican precinct four commissioner candidate, Bruce Johnson filed two reports. In the one dated June 2, he listed no contributions and \$67 in expenses.

## Career Ladder teachers named for 85-86; ELMS building expansion OK'd

The teachers who will be receiving the additional "career ladder" pay associated with their earning higher rankings through job performance appraisal were named Monday night at the Rice School Board's monthly meeting.

The board also approved construction of a four classroom addition to the Eagle Lake Middle School, and approved changes in the career ladder appraisal program.

Also during the meeting, the board heard a report from counselor Guy Beane concerning the results of the TEAMS test of students in the district.

Just ended, the career ladder bonus payment of \$1,500 paid by state funds channeled into the Rice District this year went to 38 full-

time teachers while two other teachers who received \$750 each for their half-time positions. The funding increased this year, allowing 14 more teachers to receive the payment.

The changes in the district's policy that helps govern the division of the career ladder funds mostly concerned what steps to take when state funds do not fully pay for all career ladder bonuses, and what happens in case the appraisal ranking system creates equal rankings for the last position funded.

Supt. Harold King reported that five companies submitted bids on the classroom expansion at the middle school. The contract was awarded to Drymalla Construction Co. of Columbus for \$125,000. The next higher bid was for \$149,400. Don Naiser of Drymalla was the only construction company representative at the meeting.

While Drymalla's bid was nearly \$25,000 lower than the next bid, the cost per square foot of construction is about \$34. At earlier school board meetings members discussed costs estimates in the range of \$25 to \$30 a foot.

While the board hoped to have the new wing on the ELMS cafeteria-classroom building ready when school starts the day after Labor Day this September, Naiser said it would take his company 100 days to complete the work, and that would put the finish date into October. That estimate does not include weather delays, which the current rains are effecting. It now is too wet for ground preparation.

The middle school will house the third grade next year, while the primary school makes room for new pre-kindergarten classes now required by state law for all children who qualify.

Beane's report on the TEAMS test (Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills) shows that 79 percent of the ninth graders have a mastery of math skills, 84 percent have mastered reading skills, and 64 percent mastered writing skills. That compares to 87, 77, and 76 percent respectively for last year's 9th graders, and 84, 81 and 64 percent for the average of students in the state education region three.

Starting with students who graduate next year, state law requires they master all three skill areas before they are granted a diploma. If a 9th or 11th grader does not show mastery of one or all of the skills, that student then must take remedial classes, Beane said.

Except for the students in grade seven who took the mathematics portion of the test, and 9th graders on the writing portion of the test, students in the Rice District ranked slightly below students in the Region III area.

Reporting on another test Beane called the "SRA Achievement Test," the counselor said students in the district are scoring above their grade level. For instance, the district's 4th

graders should score at the 4.8 grade level on the test, but scored at grade five or above on all 11 test areas.

In other business, the board approved pay increases of up to 4 percent, at the discretion of the administration, for lunchroom, maintenance, clerical and teacher aide personnel. The board also heard a report from Bob Cummings, a representative of the Texas Association of School Boards, who discussed possible changes in the state education laws.

In a closed session, where teacher career ladder results were discussed, the board also discussed resignations and the hiring of new personnel. After the meeting resumed its open public session, about 11 p.m., the board approved one motion to accept the resignations and approved another for new personnel. After the meeting adjourned, assistant supt. Charles DeShazo said the resignations were from Andrea Stitzer who taught special education at Eagle Lake Middle School; from Donald Wild, high school coach and business teacher, and from Julie Hessong, Eagle Lake Middle School 5th grade teacher. New personnel hired were Robert Paul Bales, to teach math and science for the 6th, 7th and 8th graders at Garwood School, and Sherry Ruth Singleton, who will be the new academic counselor at Rice High School, replacing Doug Wright.

## Career Ladder Teachers in the Rice District

- New for 85-86:
- Betty P. Mueggler (1/2)
  - Elizabeth Miller
  - Frances Hajovsky
  - Tommie Lynn Holden
  - Betty Janish
  - Janice Harrell
  - Thomas F. Davidson
  - Jerry L. Hajovsky
  - Bill Cain
  - Marshall E. Morrow
  - Jewel Coreathers
  - Diana Wunderlich
  - Christina Castle Moody (trans.)
- Continuing from 84-85:
- Eddie Gibson
  - Darrell Varley
  - Irene F. Mader
  - Jeanette Abel
  - Almie Ondrusek
  - Claudine Shorter
  - Lynda L. Appelt
  - Jo Ann Bunge
  - Raymond Sykowski
  - Housetta Baumgarten
  - Lillie Horecka
  - Rosel Roberts
  - Joseph J. Wendel
  - Helen Craig
  - Martha Sibbey (1/2)
  - Marie ARgo
  - Sandra Benge
  - Clifton B. Darden
  - Ruthen Wastelich
  - Jean E. Leopold
  - Michael E. Vornsaad
  - Charlene Lawson
  - Jack N. Grammer
  - Agnes D. Klakar
  - Diane Schneider
  - Bennie Machac

## Fund begun for burn victim Scott Hooper

McGehee suffered 35%, Hooper 80% body burns in oilfield accident

It didn't take too long after last week's oilfield accident near Sheridan before members of the community put together a fund drive.

Scott Hooper, 24, Eagle Lake, suffered burns on 80 percent of his body last Wednesday morning, June 4, and Chester McGehee, 38, suffered burns on 35 percent of his body as the two were doing routine oilfield tank maintenance on the Catburr Ranch, about 5.5 miles south of Sheridan just inside the Lavaca County line.

Both were taken by Sheridan ambulance to Eagle Lake Community Hospital after the 9 a.m. accident, but shortly thereafter were transferred by Eagle Lake ambulance to Hermann Hospital's burn unit in Houston.

The family said the men are in serious condition and are improving each day, and a Hermann hospital spokesman added that they are in stable condition.

The fund for Hooper, who has been an employee of McGehee

since shortly after high school, was begun by Helen Hotz, a friend of the family, to help with the associated family expenses.

Donations may be made at Hotz's Sunnyside Drive-In, or to any teller at the First National Bank in Eagle Lake. A benefit bake sale is scheduled this weekend in front of Rice Drug Store, and at Sunnyside. A benefit dance is being scheduled July 5th.

Also, a blood drive is being organized for June 24th for the men.

Cards and letters, but not flowers, may be sent to Hooper and McGehee addressed to the Sheridan fire department, 1203 Ross Sterling, Houston, Texas 77030-1696.

According to the report filed with Lavaca County Sheriff Robert Wurm, the men were cleaning the oilfield storage tanks. He said a flash fire occurred while they were using an electric impact wrench. Members of the family stressed that until the men are able to discuss the accident, it won't be known exactly what the cause was.

Sheriff Wurm said most of Hooper's overall burns were burned away in the accident. The Sheridan fire department answered the alarm and extinguished the blaze at the tanks. The Lavaca County sheriff said his department received the call at 9:16 a.m. Deputy Jim Jukivek, and reserve deputy, Wesley Buchanek, investigated. Colorado County chief deputy Buford Ashley also was on the scene.

## Henry High, ELHS reunion Saturday at Community Center

More than 100 former students and teachers at E.H. Henry High School and Eagle Lake High School are expected to gather Saturday at the community center here for a fun-time reunion.

According to committee chairman, Lillian Redus Dixon, students, teachers and friends from all over the country are expected in town for the day that dinner at program at 11 a.m. and dinner at 5 p.m. In a brochure about the event, the classmates are invited to join the "Song of sweet accord with all your students and pals of yester years."

Reservations can still be made. For former teachers and students the registration cost is \$10, and for spouses and friends the cost is \$5. Interested persons should contact Mrs. Dixon at 234-2632, or at 305 S. Lake Avenue, Eagle Lake.

Other members of the committee are Belvin Mann, Debra McTeer Marshall, Minnie Carter Kaykendall and Mr. Arva Vann. Vera Mann Woods and Inola Brown Johnson also are on the committee.

## Fink's Variety Store reopening This Thursday morning

Bill and Betty Fink will be reopening their Fink's Variety Store this Thursday, June 5, filling a retail shopping void created several months ago when Variety Values closed.

The Finks have been working for a month or two on restocking and arranging the store and have made merchandise purchasing trips to San Antonio, Houston, and Dallas. They invite the public in to see their new store.

Bill and Betty who own the building, will be the store staff, and said they look forward to keeping the business open to serve the community.

The store will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. It will be closed on Wednesday for restocking and merchandise purchasing trips.

## 96.4% Teachers, administrators pass test

The district-by-district results of the state's effort to test teachers and administrators have been released, and according to a Texas Education Agency spokesman, most Rice Consolidated school district teachers and administrators passed with flying colors.

For the Rice district, 96.4 percent of those who took the test this spring passed all parts of the test called TEAT, for Texas Examination of Current Administrators and Teachers.

The test for all three districts in Colorado County were administered at the Eagle Lake Middle School.

Results also show that 97 percent of the teachers in the Columbus Independent School District passed the test, and in the Weimar Independent school district, 97.8 percent passed the test.

The spokesman in the Texas Education Agency office said he did not know how many teachers and administrators took the test, therefore it is not known the exact numbers of teachers who passed or failed. At least one Rice district teacher retired rather than take the test, and another, who held a doctorate degree, apparently is refusing to take test.

All teachers have been notified of their pass-fail results. Those who failed any portion of the test can take a make-up examination later this month. Should they not pass that test, they will be unable to teach this fall unless the school district can convince the state education agency there is a need for that teacher, and obtain a waiver.