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Forum

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reach the goal of better education."

Vicki Powers, who lives in Eagle Lake with her husband, Clark, and three children, stated she is a concerned woman and mother and has an interest in all aspects of the school system.

She said students must be motivated in school and with the expansion of programs we will not only provide for the students who are not able to go to college, but also provide for those who plan to attend college or a trade school.

"All the young people are important no matter what their education. I can present a woman's point of view and I feel I can serve as a possible liaison between the teachers and school board," Powers said. "We need to boost our teachers' morale, since the state has taken the fun out of teaching by all the paper work, and we need a line of communication between the teachers, school board members and administrators."

Randy Burrow of Eagle Lake, who is seeking the Eagle Lake board position, is married to Carolyn and they have four children. He said he also has been asked why he wants the "thank-

less, time consuming" position? He stated the thanks will come when the child becomes a respected adult and the time will be well spent to see that children have the best possible education for them. "The payback of a child's dreams coming true is countless," Burrow said.

Burrow said he will bring an open ear and open mind to this community that he believes in, will continue to fight drugs in our schools and provide a safe environment for our children to learn in.

Several questions were asked by the audience following the speeches. Lynda Appel, moderator for the forum, thanked the candidates for participating and the public for attending to become better informed.

Absentee voting ends Tuesday, May 1. Applications for absentee ballots by mail must be received by this Friday, April 27. For further information, call the administration building at 234-3531. Election day is Saturday, May 5 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the following locations: Eagle Lake Community Center, Garwood Elementary School and Sheridan Elementary School.

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Courthouse

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Reportedly, three thousand people attended the affair. Just before five o'clock that afternoon, the crowd formed up into a parade, marched down Milam Street to the courthouse square, and, under the aegis of the Columbus chapter of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Caledonia Lodge #68, conducted a ceremony culminated by the actual laying of the cornerstone. They then paraded back to the park. The barbecue ended at about 6:30 in the evening and the crowd went home to prepare for a grand ball and reception to be held in the Stafford Opera House in Columbus that night.

The ball and reception were tempered by the murder of the Opera House's owner, Bob Stafford, and his brother around 7 o'clock that night. Stafford's son had become intoxicated at the barbecue and then arrested by the city marshal, Larkin Hope. Stafford accosted Hope and after a spirited argument, the marshal shot him.

The courthouse was completed in February, 1891, and officially opened with a grand ball attended by citizens from around the county on February 24. Six prisoners took advantage of the festivities at the courthouse to break out of the county jail. Deputy Sam Reese attended the ball, leaving the sheriff, Light Townsend, alone in the jail with prisoners. Townsend,

who had been up for more than twenty-four hours, fell asleep on the

first floor of the jail. The prisoners pried a bar off their cell and cut a hole

in the south wall of the building without awakening him.



The Colorado County Courthouse as it looked shortly after it opened in 1891.

First aid

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YOU are the first on the scene. YOU must recognize that an emergency exists. YOU must call for help or no one will know help is needed. And YOU must deal with the emergency until help comes.

The Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps wants to increase the knowledge of the general public and this program is designed to do just that. It consists of 2 one-hour videos which cover all aspects of what the family, friends, or by-standers might be required to do to intervene in an emergency, whether it be life threatening or just painful and in need of medical attention. An opportunity to ask questions will be afforded after each chapter of the program just in case something is not quite clear in your mind.

This program is NOT just for Mom and Dad or Grandma and Grandpa. One day they might be the victim. Children and grandchildren need to know what to do and are able, even at very young ages, to do many of the things which are necessary.

In an effort to stimulate public interest in this presentation, the Corps has been showing a preview video entitled "Until Help Arrives" to the vari-

ous service clubs in the community and all have been impressed and expressed interest in doing anything they can to make this a success. Perhaps you have heard someone mention it. Please don't disregard this. "The life you save may be your own."

If you need further information, call John Mahalic Jr., president of the Corps, at 234-2678.

Industry

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Willamette is an established company that produces various boxes, such as pizza, Barbie and Proctor Silex boxes, and has an annual payroll of approximately \$2.5 million.

According to group members who visited the Grand Prairie facility, the average employee at Willamette is 33 years old and tends to stay with the company for many years.

"This company is very established," said Kuciamba. "They are going to be here in Sealy for a long time."

Several spokespersons in the group offered reasons and deciding factors as to why Willamette chose to build in Sealy. "Representatives have been looking at Sealy and visiting Sealy for quite some time," said Kuciamba. "For the last eight to 12 months my phone has been ringing with calls about our city."

"They seemed to be impressed with the people," said Leroy Zapalac, president of Citizens State Bank of Sealy.

Also, Russell Koym of Make Sealy Sparkle said he felt proud that the representatives commented several times how clean Sealy is and how

this too, influenced the decision to move to Sealy, rather than the other proposed sites of Brookshire, Northwest Houston or The Woodlands.

Those people who traveled to Grand Prairie included: Travis Abel of Travis Abel Associates Real Estate, Zapalac, Austin County Commissioner Precinct 2 James "Bubba" Duke and Judge Lee Ditter.

Also, Reinbeck, Koym, Golson, School Board President Barbara Levine, Glen Whitehead, Kuciamba and Sealy Chamber President Nancy Sellers went to Grand Prairie to tour the facility there and ask and answer questions concerning Sealy and the new company.

Each of these local representatives were instrumental in the negotiations between the City of Sealy and Willamette.

Absentee voting begins May 1 for Silver-Haired Legislature

Registered voters in Colorado County who were 60 years of age or older by January 1 of this year can begin voting absentee for their choice of the candidates for Texas' Third Silver-Haired Legislature on May 1st.

Absentee ballots for the area's delegate to the Silver-Haired Legislature, which will convene in Austin in late September, can be cast by those who cannot vote at the designated Tuesday, May 22 Election Day, as specified by Texas' election laws.

Absentee voting in Colorado County will be conducted by mail or personal appearance at the office of Wharton County Jr. College at 316 Spring Colorado, Wharton, Texas 77488. Project Director Caroline Osborne can provide details.

Colorado County is paired with the adjoining counties of Waller, Fort Bend, and Austin in selecting a delegate to the Silver-Haired Legislature.

The candidate with the highest number of votes will represent this area and join with 115 other delegates aged 60 or over in September to form the Silver-Haired Legislature, which in its three days of sessions, will consider and vote on issues which concern the needs of older Texans of both today and tomorrow and make recommendations to the 1991 regular session of the Texas Legislature when it convenes in Austin next January.

Senior citizens standing for election to the Silver-Haired Legislature in May from the Colorado County legislative district are Edwin N. Andersen of Missouri City, and Jim Clifford of Waller.

About town...

Penny Szymanski was in Eagle Lake for the Easter holiday visiting her parents Butch and Mary Lou.

Weekend visitors with Dorothy and Sonny Breithaupt were Billy and Justin Breithaupt of Rockdale.

Besides May 1 being the deadline for absentee ballots in the school board race, it also is the deadline for absentee voting in the city council, mayor race. If you have any idea that you might not be in town on election day May 5, vote by absentee ballot.

Commissioners may make stand on proposed gun club location

At the special meeting of Commissioners' Court Monday, Martin and Debbie Ripper of Weimar voiced their opposition on a proposed gun club site west of Weimar. There has been much opposition raised about the proposed site since it is near a residential area. The location of the range, close to a portion of CR253 (Old Hwy. 90) and abutting I-10, is approximately two miles southwest of Weimar.

At the last meeting, a petition was presented to commissioners court protesting the location of the shooting range and at that time, Judge Lester Cranek stated it has no jurisdiction because the site is not in a subdivision.

But at the meeting Monday, Judge Cranek asked commissioners to be prepared to vote at the next meeting on their position on the gun club since it is so close to a residential area.

Evelyn Thomas, county tax assessor-collector, received permission from commissioners to gather information on the cost of a computer to put in her office. Thomas conducts all the computer work for voter registration and jury summons off of the computer in the appraisal district office and they are getting short on space.

Thomas said she received \$2,900 from the state in voter registration money and has approximately \$2,000 more saved from other voter registrations.

In other matters, commissioners:

- Approved a lease agreement with Central Power and Light to bring a power line up to the new opportunity center on Hwy. 90A.
- Amended the court minutes to reflect payment of claims to be on the fourth Monday instead of the fourth Tuesday.
- Received a prevailing wage rate from the Texas Community Development Program for the Sheridan Waste Water Project. Judge Cranek said contractors who will be used on the project must pay the recommended wage rate.
- Read a "thank you" note from Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District for their quarterly contribution to the department.
- Acknowledged the receipt of the insurance company's policy on ambulance driver requirements, such as: no one under 21 is eligible to drive; no one over 65 is eligible to drive unless they pass a certain test, and drivers between 21-65 must meet certain requirements. The policy was sent to all ambulance corps in the county.
- Approved needed repairs to the county agent's pickup truck. The 1986 truck needs repairs on the air conditioning system and brakes and the repairs would cost approximately \$500.

Tower falls

KULM off the air temporarily

The 240 ft. tower of KULM radio station in Columbus came crumbling down into a mass of twisted steel last Friday, April 20 after a freak accident occurred.

At approximately 6:13 p.m. Friday, Marilyn Evancik, who was on the air at the time of the incident, saw the driver of an 18-wheel truck with a trailer turning around in the radio station's parking lot when the trailer struck a guidewire, causing the tower to come tumbling down. The building

Rhonda Hancock with KULM said the station is waiting on insurance adjustments. She stated that those who listen to the station to bear with them and they will be back on the air as soon as a new tower is in place.

General manager Carl Geisler said KULM will be off the air until at least mid-May at the earliest. A new tower and antenna system will need to be purchased and the whole tower must be built and tuned to KULM frequency.

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