



Junior Fair Queen Contestants

The 2006 Junior Fair Queen contestants were, front, from left, Taylor Heger, Shelby Hoelscher (Second Runner-Up), Cortny Alvarez (Junior Fair Queen, Miss Congeniality), Olivia Wheatley (First Runner-Up) and Savannah Konvicka. Back, from left: Marissa Linkhart, Lauren Guthmann, Madelyn Courtney, Lauren Zajicek, Victoria Coons, Taylor Hollmann, Adriana Espitia, Bethany Chance, Laura Moeller and Kari Weaver.

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for a system to alert law enforcement if there was a problem in one of the probation offices.

The request was for 10 devices, sometimes referred to as "panic buttons," at a cost of

\$7,244.

Commissioners noted the request had not been included in the budget requests for the coming year.

In other action, commissioners:

--Heard an update on the repair work to the ceiling of the district court.

Jamison said that the ceiling had been stabilized by scaffolding. He said that the architect and engineer were in the process of drafting items to be included in a request for proposals on repairs.

--Agreed to furnish space, telephone and computer for the Red Cross at the county services building. It was noted that the organization can not use the space to solicit funds.

--Continued a ban on outside burning for the county.

--Set sheriff's and constable's fees. The fees for citations for justice courts were increased by \$15 to \$65. It was noted the fees had not been increased since 1993. Money goes to the county general fund and not to the constables.

--Approved an agreement to continue participation in a regional auto theft task force. One agent is stationed in Colorado County.

Shiner Man Killed In I-10 Vehicle Accident

A Shiner man was killed early Saturday, Sept. 9, in a one vehicle rollover accident on Interstate 10, about one mile east of Columbus.

The man was identified as Howard James Schindler II, 37.

He was the driver of a 2006 Ford F350 pickup that was east-bound on Interstate 10 about 12:34 a.m.

According to a report by the

Texas Department of Public Safety, the driver lost control of the vehicle on a curve, the vehicle slid across the eastbound lanes and rolled into a ditch, ejecting the driver.

The driver was pronounced dead at the scene by Peace Justice Dodie Dungen.

The accident was investigated by DPS Trooper Patrick Mladenka.

Teal Season Shows Strong Opening Weekend

The September teal duck season opened this Saturday in Colorado County, with hunters taking bag limits in the Eagle Lake area.

The season runs from Sept. 9 to Sept. 24 and allows for the hunting of Green Winged, Blue Winged, and Cinammon Teal ducks. The bag limit is five ducks, with the possession limit set at ten.

The breeding population of blue winged teals stand at 5.85 million this year, well above the 4.7 million required to allow a 16 day season.

Last year the Teal season was only nine days, due to low popula-

tion estimates.

This year also marks the introduction of the "hunter's choice" bag limit regulation.

The regulation is designed to reduce the need for the "season within a season" regulations imposed on species with declining numbers, such as pintail and canvasback ducks.

These species population are currently too low to allow for season long harvesting.

Experts expect that approximately 90 percent of the ducks harvested during the September season will be blue wing teals, with green wing teals accounting for the majority of the remainder.

EAGLE LAKE WEATHER REPORT

Information Courtesy of Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Experiment Station, Eagle Lake

Date	Temp (H/L)	Rainfall(in.)
Mon. 9-04-06	93/71	0.02
Tue. 9-05-06	78/65	0.09
Wed. 9-06-06	92/61	0.00
Thu. 9-07-06	94/61	0.00
Fri. 9-08-06	91/68	0.48
Sat. 9-09-06	79/70	0.04
Sun. 9-10-06	92/72	0.00

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or email them at laird-winnie@sbcglobal.net. Please send registration forms by Sept. 20.

SIDS workshop offered

A SIDS/Shaken Baby Syndrome Workshop will be offered by the Texas Cooperative Extension Office of Colorado County for Child Care Providers on Tuesday, Sept. 26 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the conference room in the County Agriculture Building, 316 Spring St. in Columbus. This workshop will fulfill the requirements for the annual, mandatory training for child care providers. For further information or to register, contact the Colorado County Extension Office at 979-732-2530.

First annual reunion set for Oct. 7

The first annual Atry, Upson and Thomas family reunion is set for Oct. 7 at Andrew Hall in Eagle Lake. If you need any information call Aberleen Lemons at 979-234-7124 or Ruby Johnson at 234-3567. It is asked that each family pay \$25; each single person, \$10 and for each additional guest, \$10. Please forward your money to the aforementioned persons on or before Sept. 22.

GED Classes to be held in Weimar

General Educational Development (GED) classes in preparation for the High School Equivalency Examination will be held every Monday and Tuesday evenings. Persons wanting to attend must pre-register to sign up for the classes by calling or contacting Jerry F. Hudec, Instructor at 979-263-5829. There will be a limited number of enrollments. Also, a current driver's license or DPS picture ID and a Social Security Card are required to register. The classes offer training in five categories: math, science, reading, social studies, and writing to prepare students to take the high school equivalency test. Anyone 17 years old or older may enroll in the classes, which are offered through Wharton County Junior College and the Weimar Independent School District. Those who successfully pass the five GED Tests will be issued a Certificate of High School Equivalency by the Texas Department of Education, which could open doors to opportunities otherwise unavailable. The location of the class is Portable Building # 1, which is located between the High School and the Junior High School on the 100 block of North West Street.

Water

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vide a \$15 million annual payroll.

Commissioner Darrell Gertson asked if the company had any plans to ease any adverse effects on surrounding wells.

Behm said the company wanted to be a good neighbor and, if necessary, would pipe water to a neighboring property.

Commissioner Tommy Hahn said he had a problem granting a tax abatement when the company was planning to take water from the county.

"It comes from water we are currently fighting to save," he said.

Behm said the company envisions drilling three wells of 20-inch diameter.

County Judge Al Jamison noted that the county has opposed a proposed project by the Lower Colorado River Authority to ship water from the Colorado River to San Antonio.

"Your timing is impeccably bad," he told Behm.

Behm was also quizzed about the location of his company. He said the company has an office in Houston, but also said that it is currently headquartered in Illinois.

At one point after Behm's presentation, Jamison said he doubted that the project would materialize.

"I think it's pie in the sky," he said.

But he also added if the project were built as proposed, it would add \$820,000 annually to the county tax revenue.

He noted the abatement is on a sliding scale, generally starting out with a company paying no taxes the first year and increasing by percentages to paying taxes on full value after five years.

At one point, Hahn said flatly about the company: "I don't want them to take the water."

Colorado County voters several years ago defeated a proposal to create a water district to regulate groundwater pumping and there are no restrictions in place currently.

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26th Annual Eagle Lake Study Club

AUCTION

Saturday, September 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Eagle Lake Community Center

Proceeds to benefit the Eula & David Wintermann Library

- Main Auction Items:**

 - DRAWING ITEMS #1 & 2
 - Sunday Brunch for 4
 - Carved Wooden Cane
 - Barbecued Ham
 - Nesco 18 qt. Electric Roaster Oven
 - Fish Fry for 10 at the Grigar's
 - \$250 Certificate for Portrait
 - Gardening Storage Unit
 - PSA Test for Men
 - Christmas Bridge Tray
 - Seth Thomas Antique Mantel Clock
 - DRAWING ITEMS #3 & 4
 - Basket of Rice Goodies
 - Gourmet Dinner for 8
 - 24 X 30 Original Photo
 - Schwinn Bicycle Built for 2
 - 4 Green Depression Glasses Plus Pitcher, Cherry Blossom Pattern
 - Bridge Luncheon for 12
 - 19th Century White Bentwood Cradle
 - 6 doz. Tamales, 3rd week in December
 - Cake A Month for One Year
 - 2.5 Gallon Porcelain Lemonade Jug
 - DRAWING ITEMS #5 & 6
 - Floor Lamp
 - Large BBQ Grill
 - Cookies Each Month for One Year
 - 4 Houston Livestock & Rodeo Tickets
 - Lenox Cake Plate
 - 1 Christmas Poinsettia & 1 Easter Lily
 - Four Astro Tickets
 - L.L. Bean Bamboo Fly Rod, 8' 6", 3 piece Circa 1950
 - Kingston Wall Clock made by Clark Powers
 - Round Casserole in Silver Holder
 - DRAWING ITEMS #7 & 8
 - Large Metal Rooster
 - \$100 Gift Certificate
 - Spiderman Quilt made by Elaine Hickey
 - Four Astro Tickets
 - Collectible McCoy Cookie Jar
 - Hunt for 2 - Quail & Pheasant
 - Chocolate Cake w/Chocolate Icing
 - Basket of Antique Kitchen Items
 - Spring Bridge Party for 12
 - 5 ft. Bedside Rosary of Mexican Calcite with Silver Crucifix
 - DRAWING ITEM #9
 - \$100 Academy Gift Card
 - Schwinn "Roadster"
 - Variety of Baked Goods to Choose From Each Month for One Year
 - Basket of homemade goods
 - Pair of large "Tina planters"
 - Mammogram
 - Certificate for 30-gallon tree
 - St. Christopher Garden Statue
 - 4 tickets to Sunday Matinee of "Cinderella" - Feb. 4 or 11 or "Aida" - April 15 or 29.
 - Case children's riding tractor
 - 12" Quartz Frosted "Singing Bowl"
 - Heartwood Creek St. Francis Statue
 - DRAWING ITEM #10
 - SURPRISE DRAWINGS FOR TICKET HOLDERS WHO HAVE REMAINED FOR THE ENTIRE EVENING!!!

Silent Auction Items:

 - Antique Wall Rack
 - Santa Head Wall Hanging
 - Basket with Shampoo & Conditioner
 - 1 Video per month for 1 Year
 - Memorabilia - Elvis & James Dean
 - \$20 Gift Certificate
 - Lunch Bag
 - 2 Statutes
 - One Month Membership
 - Toy Car
 - 2006 Silver dollar plus Folding chair
 - \$25 Gift Certificate
 - Ceramic Plate
 - Clock
 - "Autumn Greetings" Door Plaque
 - Clock
 - One Month Membership
 - Hair Products
 - Basket of Cookies
 - One Wash & Wax Job
 - 2 small English Decorative Dishes
 - Bird Feeder
 - 2 Kitchen Towels & Pot Holders
 - "ABC" Sampler
 - 3 piece Halloween Items
 - University of Texas Apron
 - Travelog & Personal Planner
 - Lenox Butter Dish
 - Christmas Basket of Goodies
 - Radio-Controlled Blimp
 - 12" Wall Clock
 - Mexican Train Dominoe Game in a case
 - 2006 Annual Texas Christmas Ornament
 - 4 Framed Prints
 - Basket of Coffees & teas
 - Bird House
 - Tray of 24 Cinnamon Rolls
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 - Santa Cookie Jar & Snack Set
 - Silver Heart Tray
 - Set of 4 Christmas Salad/Dessert Plates
 - Quartz Clock
 - Metal Shelf
 - Pair of Pewter Cherub Candlesticks
 - Puzzle
 - Sandstone Coasters & Journal
 - Pink Sleepshirt, Size Small
 - Boyd's Bears & Friends Numbered Angel
 - Metal deer made by David McCloud
 - John Deer Touch Lamp
 - Little Girl's Pink Dress & Sweater, Size 2T
 - Little Girl's Red Dress, Size 2T
 - Little Girl's Blue Dress, Size 2T
 - Planter for floral arrangement
 - Pewter Picture Frame
 - Candy Cane Cookie Jar
 - Strawberry Vase, Wedgewood
 - Snowman Head Wall Hanging

Farris Hotel
John Psencik
Austin's BBQ & Catering
Lake Lumber
Michael & Melody Grigar, Jim & Shelia Mathis
Jodie & Co., Columbus
Marshall Holloway
Rice Medical Center
Phyllis Psencik
Betty & Bob Wilcox

Eagle Lake Rice Dryer
Memorial for Dr. R.R. Thomas by Mrs. Thomas, Dr. & Mrs. Russell Thomas & Mr. & Mrs. Bret Pardue
Bare Beauty-Bobbe & Art Guerra
A.J. Struss Auto Supply
Christine Herman Owen

Joan Matthews
Betty & Bob Wilcox
Tanchi Cordova & Rose Martinez
Vicki Powers
Henry & Alice Sunderman

Furniture Shoppe, Melvin & Darrell Stancik
H.E.B., Columbus
Christine Herman Owen
Judi & Jack Johnson
Helen & Ken Craig
For All Occasions Flower Shop
Mary Lou & Arthur Anderson
-Eliot Tucker

Clark Powers
Helen & Ken Craig

Meredith & Eric Nethery
Sportman's Restaurant
Elaine Hickey
Becky & Mark Anderson
Helyn & Bill Farris
"Top Flight"-Leon Randermann
Anna Lee Higgins
Helyn & Bill Farris
Anna Lee Higgins
"My Secret Unicorn"-Marcella & Gilbert Garcia

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Lake Crest Entertainment
Lake Crest Entertainment
Casadores Restaurant, Sealy
Jean Thornton
Jean Thornton
Eagle Lake Rehabilitation Services
Napa Auto Parts
Wallis State Bank
Fajita Flats, Sugar Land
Prairie Edge Thrift Shop
Jean Thornton
Betty & Bob Wilcox
Jean Thornton
Eagle Lake Rehabilitation Services
Tresses, Donna Gertson
Christine Herman Owen
Lake Oil
Bernice Bornstein
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Charmaine Laughlin
Golden Goose
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Judy & Harvey Cooper

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