

# City Council Candidates Give Statements

## Jane Meldahl

Jane Meldahl known to many of you as "Jane Lu Alley" is seeking re-election to the Eagle Lake City Council. Jane was born in Eagle Lake in 1953 and graduated from R.H.S. in 1971.

In 2001, Jane's dream of moving home came true. We moved back to retire and to be with her father "Dub" who is in his eighties. Then we had the opportunity to become business owners in Eagle Lake and bought Tee-Up Pro Shop.

Jane became active in the community she loves and has missed for thirty years. She dedicated herself to various volunteer activities, beginning with the EL Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors (2001-2005 - serving as President in 2004) then the Eagle Lake Recreation Center Board of Directors (2001 - present) and the Eagle Lake City Council (2005 - present).

Then Jane broadened her scope of volunteerism with the Colorado County Fair Board of Directors (2002-present) and Colorado County's representative to the Houston-Galveston Area Council Economic Development Committee (2004-present). Jane has been a lifelong member of the Christ Episcopal (the Pink) Church and is a member of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club and Study Club (benefiting the Wintermann Library).

Jane became a Cancer Survivor in 2003 and instead of slowing down to enjoy retirement in her hometown she renewed her commitment to work tirelessly for the best interest of Eagle Lake.

Jane continues to draw upon her experience from 10 (ten) years at the U. T. School of Public Health in Houston and 15 (fifteen) years as the Controller for Bucee's (Jane has always been proud that she was a part of bringing Bucee's to Eagle Lake).

With Jane's business knowledge, experience and hard work along with her commitment to home and great civic pride, she will continue work to make Eagle Lake a community that we are proud to call home.

She will focus on what is the best for both now and in the future. It is important to her to support sound economic development while protecting the safety and well being of ALL of our citizens.

As well as to support city-wide repair programs and the purchase of new equipment for the city while working to lower taxes and still remain fiscally responsible.

Jane wants to be your voice and speak for the citizens of Eagle Lake. If you have questions or concerns Jane wants to hear from you ... give her at call at 234-5981.

Believe me, Jane has the best interest of Eagle Lake at heart, I know, I'm her husband, Dave Meldahl.

## Michael Cooper

I appreciate the opportunity to tell the voters of Eagle Lake a little bit about myself.

My name is Mike Cooper, and I'm running for a seat on the Eagle Lake City Council.

I came to the city to teach in 1969. I taught at Eagle Lake High School and the Eagle Lake Middle School. I began working at Lamar Consolidated High School in 1975 and taught English there until I retired in 2005. Along the way, I married Grace Mann and got Elizabeth and Jack in the bargain.

I have served as a city councilman and as mayor of Eagle Lake. I know that representing the citizens of Eagle Lake is an honor, and I also know that with this honor comes a responsibility. The citizens of our city have a right to expect their elected officials to listen more than talk. They have a right to be treated with dignity by their officials. They have a right to a Council whose members put Eagle Lake above their individual interests.

I believe that people who know me know that I listen and that I do my best to get things done. I believe that people who know me know that they can trust me and that I take my commitments seriously.

I'm proud to live in and be a part of Eagle Lake. Our citizens take pride in helping others - the train derailment, Katrina, Rita, any number of drives to help victims of disease and tragedy come to mind. I've seen our schools and churches and civic organizations and libraries all working to help others.

I believe in Eagle Lake. I know that we need to grow. I know that we need to attract new businesses. The City Council can help, and I want to be part of making our city a better place for all of us to live in, a place where our young people can live and become part of the next generation of leaders.

I hope that you will give me the chance to represent you.

## Wilbert Williams

On May 12 if elected to the City Council, Wilbert L. Williams, will be focused on justice, education, community and economic development.

Our community deserves the right to live in a city that will offer peace, economics, conveniences, and the best educational facilities for our children. Therefore, it is my quest to help attract job opportunities; help create incentives for business growth; help match and develop education initiatives for our citizens; continue to make our community safe; continue to stand for equality for all our citizens; help develop plans on how to manage our land use, infrastructures, and drainage systems. These are just some of the cornerstones to developing a strong community.

I was born, raised in Colorado County graduated from E.H. Henry High School, Eagle Lake. I've been gone for over 40 years; earned a college education at Prairie View A&M University; raised a family; worked for large companies, in Dallas and state government, in Austin. I've been all over this great state, stood in boardrooms, and worked with people in all walks of life. Therefore, I will not bore you with my background and accomplishments.

I was raised to be concerned about the welfare and problems of people. I will do my utmost while serving on the council; to help set an agenda forward that will relate to your concerns; and show an interest on your behalf.

God blessed me to be the son of Jessie B. and Tonie Williams; husband of Christina Castle-Williams; father of Jessie I. Black and Kimberlyn Y. Thomas; step-father of John S. Thomas and Shaniequa N. Moody; grandfather of Justin D. Black, Jasmine D. Black, and Richarra D. Thomas; brother of Carolyn F. Williams-Matthews and Roy D. Williams.

Thanks for voting on, Saturday, May 12!!

## Rene' Cooper-Scott

Previous experience with city:

Served on council for many years prior to being elected mayor.

Knowledgeable and experienced in regards to city finance/budget.

Knowledgeable about city operations and departments.

Knowledgeable in regards to local government and operations under the law (Texas Municipal League.)

Everyone who runs for public office thinks they can bring something to the table. I'm no different in that regard. During my past tenure in local government I feel I was successful in achieving my goals, and objectives while in office.

Some of my accomplishments are as follows:

Development of a mission statement for the city.

Improvement of city streets (5yr street plan).

Home improvement program.

Pay raises for city employees for retention.

Improvement of city airport.

Development of our city park with seated mayor and council.

Development of local housing with seated mayor and council.

Obtained grant monies for the city.

Partnered with Rice Medical Center in developing our annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk. Proceeds to RMC for breast cancer awareness education.

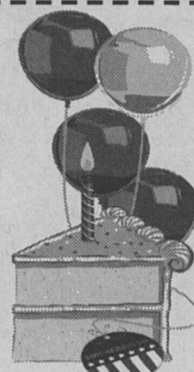
Development of our annual appreciation and awards dinner for city employees.

Assisted with obtaining Cops Grant to enable the city to hire more public officers.

I'm running to challenge myself, and others to see how far we can go in developing and maintaining our city. We all know too well how we rally around each other during a crisis. Let's use that energy, and spirit in moving Eagle Lake forward.

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Happy Belated Birthday To  
James Cardenas, May 7  
and Micah Cardenas May 6  
We Love You Bunches and Bunches.  
The Cardenas and Alley Families



Congratulations to the following "Mustangs" for making the Honor Roll for the Fifth Sixth Week Period  
Delilah "Terminator" Gentry, Tina "Butterfingers" Till, Christina "Mini-Me" Lopez; Neida "Nena" Salazar and Paige "Terminator III" Vandermark...



We are Proud of You,  
Coach Carol  
and  
Assistant Coach Donna

## Juneteeth Festival and Health Fair

Sponsored by the Columbus Riverside Alumni

Will be held **June 9 at Mid-Town Park**

Register for the Cure Sickle Cell Benefit walk-a-thon at 7 a.m. Walk starts at 8. **Pre-registration \$15. (Receive a t-shirt if registered by May 18).** On site registration \$18. Medals given to the top three runners or walkers.

**Health Fair:** 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Booths from a variety of agencies, blood pressure checks, cholesterol screening, and Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center

The festival starts at 11. Food booths, basketball & domino tournament, music, drawings, dance contest, and much more for the family to enjoy.

Proceeds will benefit the Sickle Cell Foundation and Columbus Riverside Alumni Scholarship Fund

For information call Teresa Fitzgerald at 979-732-8759 or Beverley McMillian 732-9493

## Mother's Day Special Fred's Shoes

Twice is Nice

108 N. Washington • El Campo  
979-543-7091

All New 2007 Spring Shoes and Daily Arrivals  
Entire Stock 1/3 - 1/2 Off and More!

Flips Flops • Slip Ons

Dress Shoes • Toe Sandals

This Sale includes Clothing, Tops, Capris, Pants,  
Handbags, Jewelry and Much More

## Carol's at Cat Spring

Bring your mom for special Mothers Day menu  
Served from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. • Reservations Required  
Gift for first 30 moms

**Regular Hours: Thursday/Friday 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**

**Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.**

10745 FM 949 • Cat Spring 979-865-1100



Write-In  
**Shirley  
For Compton**  
Eagle Lake City Council

I have been the owner of a number of successful businesses over the last 40 years.  
Secretary/Treasurer/Leader of Girls Scouts in Sicily, Spain and Portugal.  
Cup Scout Leader.  
Executive Administrative Assistant to VPs of 3 Fortune 500 Companies.  
Current owner of Creative Expressions.  
**Now, I would like to offer my years of experience to the Community of Eagle Lake.**  
**I Appreciate Your Write-In!**

Political ad paid for by Shirley Compton.

**Vote**  
to make a Difference

GENERAL ELECTION  
(ELECCION GENERAL)  
CITY OF EAGLE LAKE, TEXAS  
(CIUDAD DE EAGLE LAKE, TEXAS)

MAY 12, 2007  
(12 de mayo de 2007)

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
(BOLETA OFICIAL)

**INSTRUCTION NOTE:**

Vote for the candidate(s) of your choice in each race by darkening in the box provided to the left of the name of that candidate. You may vote for a write-in by writing in the name on the line provided and darkening in the box provided to the left of the line.  
(NOTA DE INSTRUCCION:  
Vote por el candidato(s) de su preferencia en cada carrera llenando completamente el espacio cuadrado a la izquierda del nombre de ese candidato. Usted podrá votar por inserción escrita escribiendo el nombre del candidato en la línea provista y llenando completamente el espacio cuadrado a la izquierda de la línea.)

Alderman, Two Year Full Term  
(Concejal, Término Completado de Dos Años)  
Vote for none, one, two or three  
(Vote por ninguno, uno, dos o tres)

JANE LU ALLEY MELDAHL

MICHAEL COOPER

WILBERT L. WILLIAMS

\_\_\_\_\_ Write-In (Voto Escrito)

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Above is a sample ballot for the city council election on Saturday.

## The Headlight Graduation Guide

Will Be May 31

Reserve Your Space Today!