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Two Vie For County Judge Four File In Race For Peace Justice No. 4

There will be several contested elections in the March 7 primaries at the local level in Colorado County, including a contest for county judge in the Republican primary.

Incumbent County Judge Al Jamison will face Dwain Dungen in the Republican primary.

No candidate filed for county judge in the Democratic primary.

In the Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace election in the Eagle Lake area, incumbent George Cason faces Carolyn Baird in the Democratic primary.

Candidates for Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 in the Republican primary are Roy Cranek and Dwight Hadley.

There is also a contest for Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace in the Democratic primary.

Incumbent Dodie Dungen faces Billy Hefner in the Democratic primary.

In the election for Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace in the Weimar-Sheridan area, Richard Luhrs and Jim Fox, both of Weimar, are candidates in the Republican primary.

The winner will face W.O. Williamson of Sheridan who filed as a candidate for the Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace position in the Democratic primary.

Two candidates also filed for county treasurer. Incumbent Diane Matus filed in the Democratic primary and Deborah Herring filed in the Republican primary.

Individuals who are unopposed for election include:

--Herbie Helmcamp, Precinct 2,

county commissioner.

--Darrell Gertson, Precinct 4, county commissioner.

--Harvey Vornsand, district clerk.

--Darlene Hayek, county clerk.

--Francis Truchard, justice of the peace, Precinct 3.

--Leonard Frank, county surveyor.

--Jean Ellis, Republican Party chair.

--Raul Martinez, Democratic Party chair.

Also three Republicans have filed as candidates for the state Senate seat, currently held by Ken Armbrister of Victoria, who has announced he will not seek re-election.

They include: David Stall of Fayetteville, Gary Gates of Richmond and Glenn Hegar of Katy.

Two Democrats have filed as candidates for the Senate seat: Bret Baldwin and Henry Boehm Jr.

Meanwhile, State Rep. Robby Cook of Eagle Lake is unopposed as candidate for re-election to his District 17 seat in the Democratic primary.

Two Republicans have filed as candidates for State Rep. District 17: Tim Kleinschmidt and Herman Brune.

Brune had filed earlier for the state Senate seat, then withdrew and filed for the House seat.

In Congressional District 15, which includes Colorado County, U.S. Rep. Ruben Hinojosa was unopposed in the Democratic primary.

Two candidates filed in the Republican primary: Eddie Zamora and Paul Haring.



Ringling In The New Year Is Always a Blast

Pictured above is only a taste of the amazing fireworks show put on here in Eagle Lake on New Year's Eve. The show took place on Calhoun Road, but clearly could be seen from all around.

Headlight Concludes Year In Review

June 2005

Ardith June Nelson was named new pastor at Eagle Lake United Methodist Church and Lehrer Memorial United Methodist Church in Garwood.

Central Appraisal District Chief Appraiser Billy Youens announced that values for oil and gas in the county would increase by about \$117 million this year. He indicated that approximately \$90 million of this was in the Rice C.I.S.D.

The Rice school board voted to hire six new teachers for the 2005-2006 school year. They are: Marla Ayala, Jerrell Barron, Jennifer Beisel, Freda Evans, Allen Laughlin, and Rachel Patton.

Carl Halla, owner of the Eagle Lake General Store won a new Dodge pickup in a Purina Mills sweepstakes. Operators of the Eagle Lake Juvenile Detention Center announced that they would be closing down operation of the facility citing financial reasons. The county will be forced to operate the center or pay back a \$2.5 million

grant that paid for the facility's construction.

July 2005

Residents of Eagle Lake were treated to a spectacular fireworks show to celebrate the Fourth of July. The show is made possible every year by donations.

County officials announced that the juvenile facility would remain open after the company running it, Correctional Services Corporation, terminates its service to the facility.

County officials said that either the county would run the facility themselves or contract with another company to run it.

Former Eagle Lake Judge and Justice of the Peace Larry Dulany was granted release from prison for felony theft. District Judge Gus Strauss, who handed down the original sentence, granted Dulany release with seven years of probation and 400 hours of community service.

The Eagle Lake City council

passed an ordinance designed to curb nuisance alarms. The ordinance allows for a \$50 fee to be charged if police respond to more than two false alarms in a one month period or more than six in a six month period. If not paid, the fee would result in a Class C misdemeanor.

County Commissioners passed an ordinance intended to curb the use of processed sewage waste, referred to as sludge, as fertilizer. While they can-

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NEWSBRIEFS

Sr. Citizen's Dance is Friday

A Sr. Citizen's Dance will be held Friday, Jan. 6 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. The "Fabulous 4" will provide the music. Admission is \$6 a person. For more information call 979-234-2903.

GRSBC Brotherhood selling plates Saturday

The Greater Rising Star Baptist Church (GRSBC) Brotherhood will be selling BBQ/fried chicken plates Saturday, Jan. 7. Plates are \$6 each. Also available are combo plates for \$7.50, which will include chicken, fish or ribs. Serving begins at noon. Delivery available. For more information call 234-2423 or 979-232-0013.

Gospel Music awards Saturday

The public is invited to the Pre-Texas Gospel Music Excellence Awards New Year's Showcase Saturday, Jan. 7 at 5 p.m. at the Hill Community Center in Sealy. Gospel artists from all over Texas will be present. Admission is FREE. You may call 281-935-3573 for more information.

Epiphany Celebration is Sunday

Epiphany Celebration, Catholic Parish of the Nativity, Sunday, January 8, at 4 p.m. Farewell Covered Dish Gathering with Eddie Winkler, pastor; 6 p.m. Caroling and Evening Prayer followed by fireworks and more visiting, all at the pavilion behind the Parish Office on South Austin Rd. (234-2842). Celebración Epifanía, la Parroquia Católica de la Natividad, domingo, 8 de Enero, 2006: 4 p.m. Despedida con corn ida por Eddie Winkler, párroco, 6 p.m. Cantos de Navideños y Oración de la Tarde se seguirán fuegos artificiales en la pabellón atrás de la Oficina Parroquial en South Austin Rd. 234-2842.

Rice Booster Club meeting is Jan. 9

The Rice Booster Club will hold a meeting Monday, Jan. 9 after the FFA meeting at Rice High School. Everyone is invited!

Coffee Klatch is Jan. 10

The Garwood Veterans Memorial Library will hold their monthly coffee klatch Tuesday morning Jan. 10 at 11 a.m. Take a few minutes - STOP by the library and have some coffee. Visit with people you do not see very often. Check out a book and enjoy reading!

Study Club meeting is Jan. 11

The Eagle Lake Study Club will hold their first meeting of 2006 Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 2 p.m. at Wintermann Library. Brenda Lange, a Medical Missionary in Omzambique, Africa will present the program.

Diabetes program to be offered Jan. 11

"Do Well, Be Well With Diabetes" a 6 part diabetes program for people with Type 2 Diabetes is being offered starting Wednesday, January 11 at the Agricultural Building meeting room, 316 Spring Street, Columbus. Columbus Community Hospital is sponsoring the program, which will include sessions on nutrition, managing your blood sugar, diabetes and exercise, food care, health checkups, and eating out. Get the facts from diabetes experts and professional educators. The cost of the 6 sessions is \$10 but scholarships are available upon request. For further information or to register contact Betty Hajovsky at 979-732-2372, extension 608.

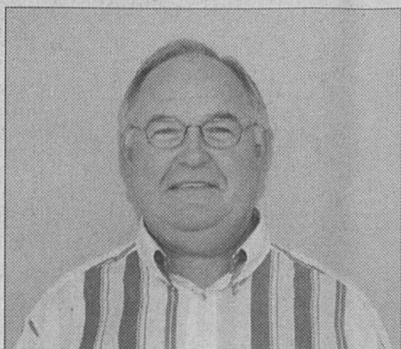
CDA Chicken noodle soup supper Jan. 25

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Saint Bernadette #1108, East Bernard, will hold their annual Chicken Noodle Soup Supper and Drawing on Wednesday, Jan. 25, American Legion Hall, Hwy 60, East Bernard. Serving begins at 5 p.m. till sold out. Soup is \$2 a bowl, chicken salad sandwiches are \$2 each. Eat in or bring your own containers and enjoy at home. A large variety of pastries will be available whole or by the slice. A drawing for 73 prizes will begin at 7 p.m.

CDA retreat is Jan. 27-29

The Texas State Court of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas invites its members to a Texas State Retreat at the Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan

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Dwight Hadley

Hadley Announces For JP #4

Dwight Hadley would like to announce his candidacy to the office of Justice of the Peace for Precinct 4 Colorado County.

After graduation from Tidehaven High School he enlisted in the United States Army, serving three years and received an honorable discharge.

Hadley has resided in Eagle Lake for over 30 years and has enjoyed the friendship of many people in this community and surrounding areas.

He is a mason and member of the Eagle Lake Masonic Lodge 366.

Having worked in this community for some 30 odd years Hadley says, "I have gained the reputation of being very honest, hard working and dependable." These are qualities that I will carry over to the demands and duties of Justice of the Peace Precinct 4."



David Janik of Janik's Meat Market prepared for the worst when it looked like Rita might churn our way. Luckily it did not, but the community still came together to help those that were fleeing its path.

Teen Indicted In Fatal Wreck

A Weimar teenager, Luke Janak, has been indicted for intoxication manslaughter in a fatal accident near Industry on Aug. 27 that claimed the lives of two other teenagers.

The Austin County District Attorney Travis Koehn said that Janak is scheduled to appear for an arraignment on Jan. 6.

Koehn said Janak, 18, was indicted by the grand jury on Dec. 21. He is charged with two counts of intoxication manslaughter.

Janak was the driver of a sports utility vehicle, which skidded out of control on a curve in the road and rolled over several times.

Killed in the accident were Blake Ryba, 18, and Katie Schimcek, 17, both students at Weimar High School.

Janak was injured in the accident, as were two other passengers, Oscar Rubio, 18, and Mario Nino.

Koehn said the indictment says that because of Janak's intoxication, he caused the accident, which caused the deaths.

He said Janak was also indicted

for manslaughter, alleging his failure to control the speed of the vehicle caused the accident.

Koehn said he was also indicted for two counts of intoxication assault, alleging the intoxication caused the wreck, which caused the injuries to the two other passengers who survived the accident.

The manslaughter charges carry a range of penalty on conviction of

two to 20 years. The intoxication assault charges carry penalties on conviction of two to 10 years.

Koehn said the evidence shows that Janak was intoxicated at the time, and his blood alcohol level exceeded the legal minimum for intoxication.

Koehn said he expected bond to be set at the Jan. 6 arraignment.

City of Eagle Lake Says 'Fix Water Leaks'

The City of Eagle Lake would like to remind sewer customers in order to calculate residential sewer rates for the upcoming year, the City will be considering water consumptions of each customer from Dec. 16 through March 15.

Customers are encouraged to fix

any water leaks as soon as possible in an effort to keep water consumptions at a minimum during this time.

Each residential sewer rate is based on the actual water consumed at that particular location.

If you have any questions, please call City Hall at 234-2640.